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# Facts Forum Organization Offers 230 Cash Awards

More than 230 cash awards, ranging from \$25 to \$1,000, were offered Friday by Facts Forum, a nonpartisan Dallas organization

dedicated to fighting public apathy on national questions.

The awards, said Ollman H. L. Hunt, founder of the forum, will be given for everything from speeches about Facts Forum to poems, songs, pledges. The contests are open to anyone.

Dan Smoot, former FBI agent who is co-ordinator of the forum, said D. T. Branch of Overton, Texas, won an August award for a forum slogan.

About 8,000 persons over the country are questioned in the forum's twice-a-month polls on national problems.

Smoot listed the cash awards like this:

For best letters to newspapers debating either side of any questions in Facts Forum polls, four awards, \$50 to \$20 each.

For special articles, news stories, columns, editorials about Facts Forum questions, four awards \$50 to \$20.

For an outline of Facts Forum objects, 3,000 to 10,000 words, \$1,000 first prize, \$250 second, and ten awards of \$50 each. This contest runs to Oct. 20, 1951.

For persons who secure most Facts Forum applicants each two weeks, five awards, ranging from \$125 to \$25.

For songs about Facts Forum "to stimulate interest and crystallize fervor," four awards, \$256 to \$32. Songs will be judged on Dec. 20 of each year.

For poems about Facts Forum, two awards will be made on Oct. 1 and two on March 1 of each year, \$64 for first and \$32 for second.

For a crusader's pledge, to be judged on Dec. 20, \$220. For a "participant's pledge," also to be judged on Dec. 20, \$220.

For a "handy name" or shorter name for participants in the poll, a first prize of \$100 will be awarded on Dec. 20.

For prize-winning radio scripts devoted to Facts Forum or debating either side of any Facts Forum poll, \$64 and \$32.

For a prize-winning television script, \$64 and \$32.

For speeches debating either side of a Facts Forum question, \$64 and \$32.

A prize of \$100 will be given for the biggest meeting by a single forum, and one of \$100 for the best meeting of one or more forums, the last to be judged by recordings of the meetings.

A most valuable participant in the forums will also be selected each year.

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## 'FACTS-FORUM' FACTS

# Texan's Millions Back Powerful Radio, TV Forum

The Denver Post is participating with the Providence Journal and other U. S. newspapers in a series of articles on the organization known as Facts Forum, its purposes, its personnel, its financial sponsors, including H. L. Hunt, millionaire Texas oilman. What is Facts Forum? Who is it? These and many other questions about this little known "educational association" are answered here.

By BEN H. RAGDIKIAN  
Providence Journal Staff Writer

Haroldson Lafayette Hunt of Dallas, Texas, may be the richest man in America, which, if true, ordinarily would be of only passing interest.

However, in the last 30 months Hunt has created an organization of growing power in American mass communications and public opinion.

This organization is Facts Forum. It is, Hunt says, a non-partisan, nonpolitical, educational project with strict rules against carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation. Except for anti-communism, and soil and water conservation, it has no opinions of its own, he says.

### Mass of Literature Published by Forum

On this basis Facts Forum has, according to its figures, gathered 125,000 participants in its various activities; it has obtained over \$1 million worth annually of free radio and television time; it has presented many famous Americans in various interview and panel shows; it produces one network radio show and one network television-radio simulcast and is considering taking over a third radio show. Its network time is free.

On this same basis of nonpartisanship, it sends out a mass of literature and "public opinion polls" to newspapers, radio stations and to every member of congress.

On this same basis it has obtained a federal tax exemption both for its expenditures and for its contributors. Recently a former moderator for Facts Forum was appointed to the most powerful single body governing mass communications in America, the federal communications commission.

### Ex-FBI Agent Is Moderator

Facts Forum began officially in June, 1951. It helps create local discussion groups whose basic information comes from the description of "both sides" of national issues as interpreted by Facts Forum.

These "both sides" presentations are broadcast over 222 radio stations on recordings made by Dan Smoot, an ex-FBI agent who is now chief moderator for Facts Forum. The material for these broadcasts comes partly from a free circulating library with hundreds of titles and 20,000 books, which are given free to participants who get six other persons to read any given book first. Transcripts from the "both sides" broadcasts are sent to interested listeners and are reprinted in the organiza-

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## Facts on 'Facts Forum'

# Oil Man's Millions Back TV-Radio Show

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tion's house organ, the Facts Forum News, which is sent to 60,000 persons monthly.

### Facts Forum Has Paid Staff of 22 Members

Facts Forum also conducts a "public opinion poll" on certain selected questions, the results of which it releases as news to 1,800 newspapers, 500 radio stations and every member of congress, some of whom introduce it into the Congressional Record.

Facts Forum also pays for certain newspaper and periodical activities by individuals.

It has 20 paid persons on its staff, mostly in the headquarters in Dallas, with branch offices elsewhere. It has a paid organizer and speech instructor for use in localities where Facts Forum activities are being created.

In recent months, Facts Forum has branched out into radio and television network shows. It now produces the Mutual Broadcasting System show, "State of the Nation," a half-hour radio show on 315 stations on free time. It also produces the American Broadcasting Co. television-radio half-hour show, "Answers for Americans," also on free time. Both shows have been favorably reviewed by impartial critics.

These are in addition to a half-hour television show filmed by Facts Forum in Washington and sent free to 58 stations. The basic Dan Smoot "both sides" program is on 222 radio stations.

The moderator for Facts Forum on its two network shows is now in negotiation to add the MBS half-hour radio program, "Reporters Roundup" to the growing list of Facts Forum activities.

The man behind this growing national organization is probably the most obscure individual among the rich men of the world. He broke his lifelong rule against personal publicity by announcing the information of Facts Forum but before that H. L. Hunt was unknown even to many citizens of Dallas.

### Worked as Farmhand And Lumberjack

It is problematical whether Hunt is, as he has been labeled, "The Richest Man in America" or "The Man Who Comes Closer Than Anyone Else on Earth to Being a Billionaire." He abhors such terms.

Yet, more is known about many local bankers than about H. L. Hunt. He is not in "Who's Who." In 10 years, there are only two known references of any size to him in national magazines.

A national magazine once tried to interview him, gave up and almost did a story on the difficulties of seeing H. L. Hunt. When Life magazine surreptitiously photographed Hunt crossing a street in Dallas, it was regarded as an incident of note.

Twenty-five years ago, no national magazine would have bothered to sneak a picture of Hunt. He was then an oil driller whose operations were undistinguished in size. Before that he was a farmer.

Hunt was born on a farm near Vandalia, Ill. At the age of 3, it is said, he could read and write, but he had to leave the fourth grade to go to work. He worked as farmhand, lumberjack and at odd jobs. His father, who had fought in the Confederate army, had once described the rich soil around the battlefields in Lake Village, Ark., so there H. L. Hunt finally went to grow cotton and pecans.

Hunt was and is a gambling man. In Lake Village today they say that he won his first oil lease in a poker game—on a bluff. Thus about 1920 Haroldson Hunt got the whiff of oil.

By 1930 he was doing moderate-well, wildcatting around Vandalia country, just east of Dallas and Scurry County, 250 miles to the west. It was the beginning of the depression, and other drillers were pulling out. Hunt had a hunch there was something there and put everything he had into the two areas.

"Making money is something some people have a knack for," Hunt has said. He had the knack. By plunging in east Texas and Scurry County, Hunt got in on the ground floor of the two largest known oil deposits in the United States. It was these underground pools that made the multi-millionaires of Texas during the depression.

### Hunt Has Distaste for Conspicuous Spending

Hunt still is adventurous. He still bets at the racetracks, but now with hundreds of dollars—and with the help of an employee who is a graduate statistician from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At 64, Hunt is vigorous, stands 6 feet tall, has green eyes and generous gray hair. An admirer of George Washington, he lives in a five-times-larger copy of Mount Vernon, in Dallas. He has four sons and two daughters.

One of his sons left school at the age of 19 to go into the oil business and made \$3 million before his health broke down.

Unlike some of his Texas oil col-



H. L. HUNT

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leagues. Hunt has not spent money openly on charities in amounts that would indicate his wealth, or indulged in financially publicized businesses.

Texas oilman H. R. Cullen, for example, once gave a single gift of \$150 million, and this year rewarded his favorite college football team for a single victory by giving their college over \$2 million. Hunt has a distaste for such conspicuous expenditures.

Another fabulous oilman, Clint Murchison, has made generous financial contributions to projects of Senator McCarthy (R) of Wis., and controls companies whose known value is \$302 million. For Hunt's fortune there are only estimates.

## Income Estimated At \$200,000 a Day

Hunt is estimated to own \$200 million worth of farmland. He is estimated to be the biggest independent oil operator in the world, with holdings in excess of \$500 million. He is estimated to be the largest grower of pecans in the world. He has, in addition, gold mines, natural gas and other interests.

His gross income has been estimated at \$200,000 a day, an unusually large portion of which he can keep because of special exemptions for venture oil drilling.

Politically, Hunt is not noisy. Like his friend, the novelist Louis Bromfield, he hates the New Deal and the Fair Deal and loves the soil. (Hunt owns more soil, probably, than any other American.)

Some say that he has a farmer's coolness toward cities generally and toward the melting-pot atmosphere of the East, specifically. He has said:

"The healthiest thinking in this country is being done by people who live on medium-sized farms."

Hunt made the bulk of his fortune during the depression, a period which, he feels strongly, marked a deplorable tendency among his fellow Americans to demand welfare services from the federal government. He feels that the Democratic Party, except for the Dixiecrat movement, is the instrument of socialism and communism in this country, and that the Republican Party as presently constituted displays dangerously radical tendencies.

## State Department Meddlesome, He Feels

In addition, he believes the American government should limit itself to the affairs of this country to a much greater degree than it does at present.

During the first Iranian oil crisis, when Britain reportedly was threatening to withdraw from NATO if American oilmen continued to move into Anglo-Iranian operations, Hunt quietly appeared in Iran. This was after a strong plea by the American state department that Americans stay out of the Iranian-British fight. Hunt feels the state department meddles too much in foreign and business affairs.

Hunt supported General MacArthur for the presidency in 1948 and later, when the general was deposed by President Truman and visited Texas in a special plane, Hunt was on his plane.

Hunt was MacArthur's strongest supporter for the presidential nomination in 1952 and paid much of the bill for the "spontaneous" demonstrations for MacArthur at the Republican convention. Hunt is a firm supporter of MacArthur's foreign policy of total war in Asia or total withdrawal.

Apparently, Hunt was not prepared to start a 3rd party in 1952, for MacArthur was run later that year by the Constitution Party, the America First Party, and the Christian Nationalist Party. At the last minute Hunt, a Texas delegate to the Republican convention, switched his vote to Eisenhower.

Hunt is also a strong supporter of Texas' nominally Democratic governor, Allan Shivers, who supported Eisenhower, largely on the basis of the latter's promise to return oil-rich tidelands to the states.

Recently Governor Shivers awarded tidelands leases in the largest transfer of such oil properties in history. The biggest single awardee was H. L. Hunt, who got more than 100,000 acres at an average of \$5 an acre. Others paid averages as high as \$400 an acre.

## Hunt an Avowed Admirer of McCarthy

Hunt believes Shivers is a good possibility for president of the United States. He thinks the same of Senator McCarthy, a friend of his whose name has been linked to Facts Forum. Once Hunt was asked by a reporter if he was one of McCarthy's "angels" and Hunt, grinning, replied: "I think that's stretching it a little."

Recently, Hunt was asked if he were supporting McCarthy for the presidency in 1956. He replied:

"Some day I might be able to answer that better. But I think it is a little too early. It's two years away. I may also be interested in Joe Martin, or Senator Byrd, or Senator Jenner, or Senator Bridges, or Governor Shivers."

But Hunt avowedly admires McCarthy and McCarthy's methods.

Hunt, as did the Republican National Committee, bought 50,000 copies of Senator Jenner's report of alleged subversive infiltration of the Roosevelt administration. Hunt promoted distribution of the report in the Facts Forum News.

During the 1952 campaign the Hunt family in their own name contributed \$11,900 to help elect J. Glenn Beall as Republican senator from Maryland and to attempt to elect Zales Ecton senator from Montana and Chapman Revercomb senator from West Virginia.

## Big Contributor to Americans for America

However, an organization called "Americans for America," spent more than \$50,000 for the benefit of ultra-conservative Republican candidates all over the country. Honorary chairman of this organization was Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck, a supporter of America First before World War II and of Senator McCarthy afterward. General Wood is a national officer of Facts Forum. The biggest contributor to Americans for America was H. L. Hunt.

Yet, all this was done with a minimum of publicity. It was Facts Forum that put Hunt in the news. Facts Forum is believed to be the most public and at the same time the largest non-profit enterprise in which Hunt has ever indulged.

Facts Forum has existed for 30 months. During the first—and relatively quiet—half of its life Facts Forum spent about \$200,000 tax-free dollars, and the Hunts gave Facts Forum \$219,000 tax-free dollars.

Facts Forum will not say what its current budget is. But in the second 15 months of its operations it has expanded enormously. It has added at least four regional offices with paid organizers (one in Hunt's birthplace, Vandalia, Ill.), and entered network radio and television activities on a coast-to-coast scale.

So there is reason to believe that the \$200,000 expenditures of the early months of Facts Forum is only a fraction of the current budget. In those early months, the Hunts supplied more than 95 per cent of the listed contributions.

## Approval Lacking Despite High Aims

With such admirable aims announced by Facts Forum, one would expect unanimous approval.

The "town meeting" idea has always been popular in this country. And, indeed, many national figures have expressed publicly their full support of Facts Forum. These include Sen. George Malone, Sen. Harry F. Byrd, and Sen. John W. Bricker.

But there are some startling demurrers. This is odd for a "non-partisan educational" enterprise. One of Washington's better known Washington correspondents, Carlton Kent, of the Chicago Sun-Times, offered money for merely interviewing a senator on Facts Forum, declared:

"I wouldn't touch that organization with a ten-foot pole."

Senator Estes Kefauver who appeared in one of the first Facts Forum television broadcasts, said:

"I wish I knew then what I know now about that organization."

Sen. Warren Magnuson, who appeared on the first Facts Forum television show with Senator McCarthy, was asked to make another Facts Forum appearance but declined. This is a pattern repeated by others.

Why there should be such unprecedented distrust of a "non-partisan educational" organization will be discussed in later articles.

# Hunt Campaign Gfts Helped Anti-Reds From Beal! to Ecton

By Edward T. Folliard

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"I'm not looking for a success story," he told me.

Having become a Croesus, with an income estimated at more than \$200,000 a day, Hunt is now interested in politics and in arousing the American people against "being bribed with their own money into giving up their freedom." He has not been nearly the success in backing candidates that he has been in wild-catting for oil. And his efforts to arouse the people have got him into a controversy that must be for him.

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In 1952 he boomed Gen. Douglas MacArthur for the Republican nomination for President. He also contributed money to the campaigns of several conservative Republican candidates for the Senate—J. Glenn Beall in Maryland, Zales N. Ecton in Montana, and Chapman Revercomb in West Virginia.

Three of the four, as they would say in the Texas oil country, were "dusters." Only Beall was a winner.

Hunt contributed \$3000 to Beall, \$5950 to Ecton (\$2950 of it being in the name of Mrs. Hunt), and \$2950 to Revercomb. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt contributed \$5500 toward a broadcast by Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer (USA, ret.). In the preconvention phase, Wedemeyer, at the suggestion of General MacArthur, became chairman of the National Citizens-for-Taft Committee, but in the campaign itself spoke out for General Eisenhower.

How much Hunt spent on the MacArthur-for-President campaign, or in ways that did not require a report to Congress, is something of which there is no record.

Hunt, at the moment, is devoting much of his time—and also his money—to Facts Forum, a radio-television program, which broadcasts debates on issues of the day and is heard by millions of Americans. He was willing to talk to me about that.

I found him unhappy because certain people were saying that he had an axe to grind—that he was trying to inflict a prejudiced point of view on the people.

Hunt would like you to think that he is one of the most tolerant of men. He tried to make me see that he was, and insisted that Facts Forum really does give "both sides" in its broadcasts.

On one question, however, he had taken his stand, positively and dogmatically, and it was clear that if you didn't agree with him—well, you had something missing upstairs. Neither the eloquence of a Churchill, it seemed, nor the

**Editor's Note**—This is the second of six articles on "The Big Dealers," the wealthy Texans who have been pouring part of their millions into politics. Scarcely anything has been known of these men who have been making their influence felt from coast to coast. So The Washington Post sent Eddie Folliard, its Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, to Texas to find out what they think, feel and hope for in American public life.

scholarship of a Toynbee would ever move him.

Hunt is convinced that the world situation today, with Russia having sway over 600 million people, was plotted in Washington, D. C., in the days of Roosevelt and Truman.

He told me, with some feeling, that Russia's expansion—the gobbling up of Poland and other satellites and the movement of China into the Communist orbit—must have been "conceived and managed" in Washington.

And he told me also that those American boys who were tortured and slaughtered in Korea were betrayed by the same "disloyal" people who "surrendered" to Russia five years before.

"Anybody who has any sense must agree to that," Hunt said, and added that he didn't see why it was even necessary to say it.

I saw Hunt in his office on the seventh floor of the Mercantile Bank Building, one of Dallas' skyscrapers. He is a 6-footer, with a moderate bay window. His eyes are his most striking feature, heavy-lidded and shrewd. He was attired in a plain, seemingly inexpensive blue suit, and his white hair was a bit awry.

He has been likened in appearance to Andrew Jackson. The comparison doesn't seem. See TEXAS, Page 2, Column 2.

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# Hunt Campaign Contributions Helped Anti-Communists—

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appropriate, and, anyway, he probably would not be flattered. Old Hickory was a pretty tough fellow, a good hater, whose admirers almost wrecked the White House with their revelry after his first inauguration in 1833. Hunt doesn't like roughness. He once said that the people who work for him are "gentle folks." He wants them to be non-drinkers, and, naturally, non-Communists.

He likes to quote George Washington and to think about him. This isn't hard, for his home here in Dallas, overlooking a lake, is a replica of Mount Vernon, only larger.

His modern idol, as has been said, is General MacArthur. While I was waiting to see him, sitting in an anteroom, I reached out for a book on a table. It was entitled "Revitalizing a Nation, a Statement of the Beliefs, Opinions and Policies Embodied in the Public Pronouncements of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur."

Hunt praised MacArthur in 1952 as "one of the great men of our times." He opened up a MacArthur-for-President headquarters in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago during the Republican National Convention. For a time he hoped that his hero would win out as the result of an Eisenhower-Taft deadlock, but it was not to be.

## A Suggestion That Shocked

Hunt was shocked by the suggestion that MacArthur be offered for the No. 2 place on the GOP ticket as the nominee for Vice President. His answer was the measure of his adulation.

"I think it would be very bad to propose him for Vice President," Hunt said. "Just think of Lincoln or George Washington as Vice President."

Before I arrived in Dallas, hoping to see Hunt but not too confident that I would, there had been a flare-up of controversy over Facts Forum. It began when Frederic W. Collins, Washington correspondent of the *Providence Journal and Bulletin*, turned down an offer of \$125 to serve on a Facts Forum television panel. He later wrote that Facts Forum was "not all it appeared to be."

The *Providence Journal-Bulletin* assigned Reporter Ben H. Bagdikian to investigate. He wrote an eight-part series and found that Facts Forum, although claiming to give "both sides" of issues, was heavily weighted with McCarthy philosophy and sometimes merely gave "two versions of the same side."

The *Milwaukee Journal* picked up Bagdikian's series, and so did *Time*.

In the midst of the controversy Hunt denied that he viewed the Democratic Party as the instrument of socialism and communism or felt that the Republican Party, as presently constituted, displays dangerously radical tendencies.

## Says He's Tolerant

"I am very tolerant of anyone's and everyone's opinions," he said. "I am not trying to influence anyone."

Hunt told me that Facts Forum was in a way a mis-



nomer. He said it did not purport to put out the facts, but rather to publicize claims made by both sides of an issue, so that people could make up their own minds. He thought it was up to newspapers primarily to circulate the facts, and he said people ought to read newspapers with divergent editorial policies. For example, he said, he would like to see people read both *The Washington Post* and the *Washington Times-Herald*, and the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

"They say that subject matter is not fairly presented on Facts Forum," he said. "If we say it is, we are just disagreeing with them. That doesn't prove anything. The answer is to listen to the program."

He went on to explain how Facts Forum had lined up Senators on opposite sides of issues and had them engage in debate: Bricker versus Ke-fauver on the Bricker Amendment, Gore versus Dirksen on TVA, Douglas versus Malone of free trade, and so on.

When I tried to get Hunt's own philosophy, he made the remark about not looking for a success story.

"If something like Facts Forum doesn't go through," he said, "there are not going to be any success stories. I think we have gone a long way toward abolishing freedom in the United States."

"What I mean is, losing freedom for the individual in the United States where we have such a highly centralized government, and turning over the countries abroad to the Communist dictatorship."

"It happened abroad, but it must have been conceived and managed here."

#### Cites Loss of Poland

I asked Hunt to elaborate on this point, that the absorption of other countries by the Soviet dictatorship was conceived and managed in the United States.

"What started World War II?" he asked. "It was to protect the integrity of Poland. Well, the war was won, wasn't it, by the people who were going to protect Poland?"

He called attention to Poland's plight at the moment, in the grip of her traditional enemy.

"The United States was certainly in charge at the end of the war," he continued. "If China, Poland, Estonia and other countries were turned over to the Communist dictatorship, it must have been because the United States turned them over to it."

I asked about the relationship between Facts Forum and

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

"Facts Forum was started a year before I even knew Senator McCarthy," Hunt said, and quickly went on to express his affection for the Wisconsin lawmaker.

"I like McCarthy," he said. "His idea of getting the Reds out of the Government—well, I think that's wonderful."

"I think it is a horrible thing that American boys were betrayed into being tortured and slaughtered, and I'm talking about being betrayed by people who were not loyal Americans. They were either not loyal or they were stupid, and being stupid is just the same thing as being disloyal."

"Are you talking about Korea being the result of disloyalty?" I asked him.

Hunt said he was and then asked one himself.

"Let me interview you," he said. "Don't you agree?"

I said the only thing that occurred to me was the Republican charge that former Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced that the United States would not defend Korea in case of attack, and I recalled that the Democrats had claimed that this was a gross distortion of what Acheson really said.

#### Amounted to Betrayal

"Well," said Hunt, "I have to assume that those people knew what they were doing. In a situation like the Korean War, it amounted to a betrayal of American boys."

"The United States went in at considerable cost to win World War II. I don't think the United States should have surrendered itself into a situation where five or six years later American boys would be captured and slaughtered—and not doing anything about it after it actually happened."

It was here that Hunt said that anybody with any sense would agree to that.

Hunt's viewpoint is, of course, not exclusively his own. In a debate with Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) in June, 1953, Senator McCarthy took the affirmative on the question: "Is the Korean War Related to Communists or Pro-Communists in Our Government?"

McCarthy said right off the bat:

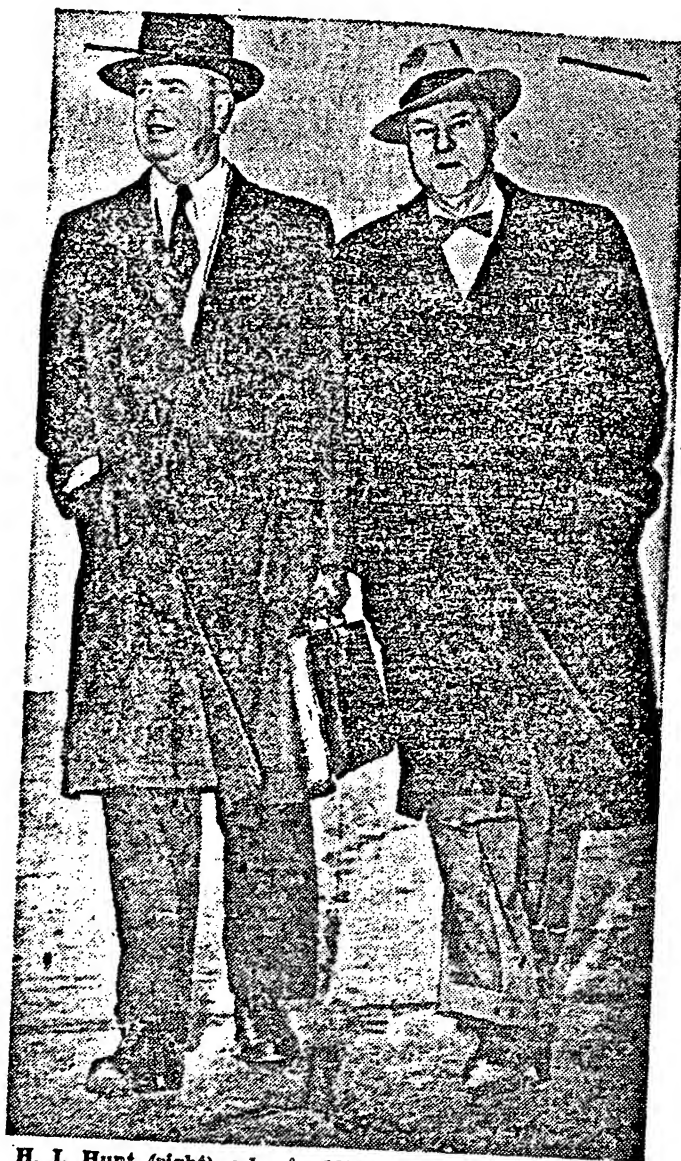
"I think the Korean War was born at Yalta, where Alger Hiss sat at the President's right—I should say left—hand and helped write that very, very traitorous agreement. I feel the Korean War would have been over long since if Communists and pro-Communists in the State Department had not tied Gen. Douglas MacArthur's hand."

The McCarthy-Magnuson de-

bate was broadcast from Washington by Facts Forum, with Hunt in background as financial analyst. It was Facts Forum's No. 1 TV program. The moderator was Robert E. Lee, who was later to be nominated to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

**TOMORROW—Interview with H. L. Hunt, Part II.**





H. I. Hunt (right), who in 1952 was active in the MacArthur-for-President campaign, walks with Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer (USA, ret.). Hunt and his wife contributed \$5500 in the campaign toward the cost of a broadcast by Wedemeyer.

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**Texas Big Dealers**

# Hunt, 'U. S. Richest,' Gives Cash and Time To Aid Facts Forum

(Third of a series)

By Edward T. Folliard

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DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 15.—H. L. Hunt, the Texas oil colossus, doesn't reject the tag of America's "richest man." He didn't, at least, in talking to me. He merely laughed, mentioned all the money he owed, and told me how the whole thing started.

Hunt said that *Life*, in April of 1948, carried a picture of him (which had been snapped on the street without his knowing it) and a story, quoting its sister magazine *Fortune*, to the effect that he was "the richest single individual in the United States."

Husband hunters, it seems, put the wrong construction on that word "single."

"Women began writing to me from all over the country," said Hunt, who is the father of four sons and two daughters.

But though he doesn't argue about the "richest man" title, Hunt does try to combat the idea that he is the angel and guiding spirit of Facts Forum. In our talk, he agreed that he had helped it financially, but he insisted that it was started in 1951 "by a group of white-collar office workers, nonprofessional

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young men and women." He obviously does not want Facts Forum regarded as a one-man show—an H. L. Hunt enterprise.

Yet his office is piled high with Facts Forum literature, which he showed me, and I found that back in 1950 he was calling for the formation of an Educational Facts League.

"The Facts League," he wrote in a pamphlet, which was reprinted by the *Dallas Times-Herald*, "must maintain and prove that the public is entitled to the facts on both sides of all issues and cannot be pacified with the . . . kind of news which left-wing workers are willing to let them have."

He suggested that the people who would form the Facts League might call themselves "Constructives." He said that the word "conservative" had been none too popular since 1929, when the stock market crash wiped out those trying to get "something for nothing." As for the words "liberal" and "progressive," these were fine in the beginning, he said, but had been taken over by vicious, radical, spendthrift elements.

Constructives, Hunt said, would "expose and condemn the liberality of the Yalta-minded liberals infesting the State Department and the Commerce Department and other high places in the Government, who have been and are still giving up or assisting in the surrender of the liberty of many nations and hundreds of millions of people into the tyranny of alleged people's parties ruled by the ruthless and murderous dictators who say they also are liberals."

Hunt, in our interview, said that Facts Forum was out to help the American people to be so well-informed that they would be their own "strong

man." He said that if people insisted on wanting something for nothing, it would mean the frittering away of their freedom—the destruction of their freedom.

"If people think right back home," he said, "their representatives will make good officials regardless of the legislative philosophy they had when they started."

There were a hundred questions to be asked when Hunt broke off the interview, led me into another room, and up to a table with stacks and stacks of Facts Forum literature. He began handing me photostatic copies of letters that had come in from notables.

He said he hoped he would be able to find one that was critical and so show me that Facts Forum always was ready to give both sides.

There were copies of letters from Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, Gov. Johnston Murray of Oklahoma, Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania, and from Sens. Price Daniel (D-Tex.), and George W. Malone (R-Nev.). All were congratulatory.

Hunt finally gave up his search for a letter "on the other side."

I noticed, however, that there was a stack of reprints of the eight critical articles written by Reporter Bagdikian of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. Actually they were reprints of a reprint in the *Milwaukee Journal*.

Also on the table was a stack of copies of a broadcast about J. B. Matthews, which was made on July 9 last by Lynn W. Landrum, a columnist of the *Dallas Morning News*. When I picked up a copy of the broadcast Hunt asked me to make a note that it was ~~not~~ Facts

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# Hunt, 'Richest in U. S.,' Helps 'Facts Forum'

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Forum material, even though it was being distributed along with Facts Forum material.

Columnist Landrum's radio talk on Matthews' article in the *American Mercury*, "Reds and Our Churches," came on the same day that the article caused an explosion in the White House in Washington. Matthews had contended that there were "at least 7000" Protestant clergymen in this country who were serving "the Kremlin's conspiracy," and charged that Protestant clergymen made up "the largest single group" supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States.

## A Job at Stake

Landrum noted that there was a move afoot to have Matthews thrown out of his job as staff director of the Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

"I am not trying to save Matthews' job for him," Landrum told his audience. "I don't know whether he ought to keep it or not. But I am trying tonight to tell you substantially what it is that Matthews said in his *American Mercury* article, and to indicate to you why I believe that Matthews told substantially the truth in that article."

Two things happened that same day in Washington.

President Eisenhower, answering a telegram from a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and a Presbyterian minister, denounced Matthews' article as "alien to America," and struck at "generalized and irresponsible attacks that sweepingly condemn the whole of any group of citizens."

An hour later Matthews, who had been described by Sen. McCarthy as "a star-spangled American," resigned from his committee job.

Hunt, in breaking off our interview, indicated that we might get together the next day. However, that was to be the

end of it, except for a telephone conversation two days later. He then suggested that I listen that night to a radio broadcast by Dan Smoot, regular moderator of Facts Forum.

Smoot's talk turned out to be a fiery reply to *Time* magazine's article on Hunt and Facts Forum. In the course of it, he gave Hunt far more credit for Facts Forum than Hunt had been willing to assume in talking to me.

Smoot said it was "well known" that Hunt "was among the original founders of Facts Forum and is its heaviest financial contributor." But he also declared that Facts Forum had more than a thousand other financial contributors and several thousand supporters—"Americans who, like Mr. Hunt, are not listed in *Who's Who* and who have never had their pictures in the paper."

## Exempt From Taxes

He said it was true that, since Facts Forum is listed as a non-profit, educational organization, Facts Forum is exempt from taxes and that Hunt can deduct his contributions from his personal income tax. He said the same opportunity was open to all Americans who wanted to contribute to educational organizations, editors included.

Smoot said that Facts Forum programs went out over 22 television and 360 radio stations, and that the organization was getting three million dollars worth of free time from the broadcasting industry annually as public service.

Answering *Time*'s charge that Facts Forum's point of view was compounded of "isolationism, ultraconservatism and McCarthyism," Moderator Smoot said:

"Facts Forum has presented—and will continue to present—the views of such outstanding Americans as Sen. Bricker, Sen. Jenner, Sen. McCarthy and Sen. McCarran, as long as they are prominent in public affairs. Whenever we present their point of view, we also will pre-

sent the opposite point of view."

Getting back to Hunt, he began thinking about General MacArthur as White House timber at least as far back as 1945. He was beating the drums for him in a big way in the spring of 1952 when Sen. McCarthy came to Dallas.

Local reporters, calling at McCarthy's suite, found him and Hunt playing gin rummy. For the benefit of photographers, Hunt laughingly pinned a MacArthur-for-President button on the Senator, who was not yet ready to commit himself.

In talking to Hunt about his ideal America, I asked him if he thought that MacArthur, as President, could achieve it.

"I don't know," he said. "We were in a war in Korea and he wished to win. If we go into a war we should try to win it."

Hunt, having failed to get the Republican nomination for MacArthur, urged the election of General Eisenhower. However, he took his time about it, holding up his announcement until October. Even as he did so he said that those who felt that a new political party was needed in the United States "could well begin to form one immediately following this election."

## A Native of Illinois

H. L. Hunt—the initials stand for Haroldson Lafayette—was born on a farm near Vandalia, Ill., in 1889. His father, strangely, was a veteran of the Confederate Army and also a Republican, who moved north after the war and was elected sheriff in the Illinois county in which the family lived. His mother was the daughter of a chaplain in the Union Army.

H. L. learned to read and write by the time he was 3 years old. He attended school through the fifth grade. Then he took what amounted to an eighth-grade examination and got a grade-school diploma.

Thereafter, he began to wander and to get a very practical education as a ranch hand in California, the Dakotas and Canada, and as a lumberjack in Arizona.

His father had fought in a battle at Ditch Bayou near Lake Village, Ark., and had talked in ecstatic terms of the richness of the soil there. The younger Hunt, when he was 22, bought a cotton plantation near Lake Village with the money he had saved as a cowboy and lumberjack.

In 1915 he married Lydia Bunker of Lake Village, and today gives her "90 percent" of the credit for his financial success.

## He Gets the Oil Fever

In 1921 he drilled his first well on a small proven lease near El Dorado, Ark. He just about broke even on the venture, but he had picked up the oil fever.

This gets the narrative to Hunt's reputation as a gambler, which is widespread in Texas. If he did gain prowess in this field, it would not be exactly remarkable, for the Southwest has turned out some of the world's greatest poker players.

C. V. R. Thompson, a columnist for the *London Daily Express*, came to Dallas in 1951 trying to get the answer to



question: How do you make a million dollars?

"All you have to do," he wrote, "is to play a good game of poker for the right stakes."

The Englishman explained that this was how Hunt had got his start. He said Hunt won the game on a bluff, and the pot was a lease to some land containing oil.

Some of the Texas newspapers picked up the story.

Anyway, once H. L. got started in oil, he moved fast and far, eventually winning the title of "King of the Wild Cat-ers." He drilled more successful wells in Arkansas and also prospected in central Louisiana.

In 1930 he drilled his first well in Texas, and he was on the scene in East Texas when the late C. M. (Dad) Joiner brought in the world's largest producing well.

#### Turned Down 100 Millions

Hunt bought Joiner's discovery well, No. 1 Daisy Bradford, and purchased 4000 acres in the vicinity. He kept on spreading out, and in the days before World War II turned down an offer of 100 million dollars for his properties.

As his oil wealth went up, so did his holdings in cattle land. If he is not the country's greatest land-owner, he is certainly a contender for the title. Besides raising cattle, he grows vast quantities of pecans, and even has them growing on his private estate.

Hunt lived for a time in Tyler, rose center of Texas, and then in 1937 brought his family to Dallas to take over a 10-acre place with its big mansion modeled after Mount Vernon.

Here, as he meditates of an evening, he frets over the way things are going in the United States and thinks fondly of George Washington. His favorite quotation from Wash-



For the benefit of photographers, H. L. Hunt pinned a MacArthur-for-President button on Senator McCarthy in the spring of 1952, when the Senator was in Dallas.

ington is: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair."

He has little confidence in politicians as a whole, as he has made clear in his writings.

Next to Communist the word that seems to arouse him most is "liberal." He grants that liberal sounds nice, and suggests warmth, progress, and consecration to the welfare of the people. But —

"The wise, honest and prudent," he has said, "must view the liberal in the light of the company he keeps."

"Liberals, finding it difficult to do so, fail to discipline their rank and file and in attempting to attain their idealistic goals, accept or eagerly enlist the help of political machine bosses, even letting their stooges carry the ball while skillful subversives seeking to destroy America run interference."

It was in this mood that he suggested the word "Constructive" to describe people who feel as he does. Cecil B. DeMille, the Hollywood producer, gave him a plug for the idea, but that was the last of it.

WEDNESDAY—Interview with Clinton W. Murchison.

# 3 Radio Newsmen Quit Over Sale Of Program to McCarthyites 1

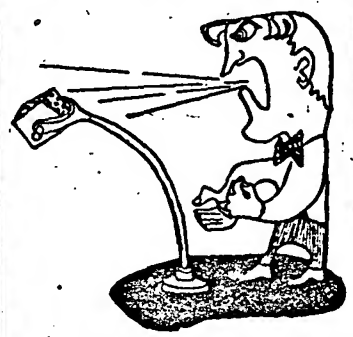
By HARRY RAYMOND

Joseph McCaffrey, Mutual radio newsbroadcaster in Washington, and two other newsmen of the network's Washington affiliate WWDC handed in their resignations in protest against the station's sale of "Reporters Roundup" to Facts Forum, McCarthyite broadcasting setup.

H. L. Hunt, Texas oil millionaire and chief financial backer of Sen. McCarthy, owner of Facts Forum, negotiated purchase of "Reporters Roundup" from the Mutual Broadcasting System for a reported \$350 a week.

Blowup at WWDC came when it was announced Everett Holles, Mutual's director of news in Washington, would be deposed as moderator of "Reporters Roundup" when the McCarthy crew takes over production of the show April 5. Facts Forum is substituting Robert Hurleigh, assistant to Fulton Lewis Jr. and chief McCarthy booster on the airwaves, as the program's new moderator.

McCaffrey, permanent reporter on "Reporters Roundup," announced his resignation when WWDC completed the deal to give additional air time to the McCarthyites. Two other reporters on the Mutual staff confided they are seeking new jobs. WWDC said it will carry the new version of "Reporters Roundup" when it moves into Facts Forum hands.



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John Lardner, son of the late author, stories set to roll are "A Frame-up," "Anniversary," "A Day With Conrad Green" and "The Maysville Minstrel."

Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre ballet troupe will play the Paris Opera this Spring. Galina Ulanova and Constantin Sergueiev will head the company with a repertoire of Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet," "Cinderella" and "Flame of Paris," a ballet using the French Revolution as background.

Feeling is reported running high in Washington against Facts Forum programs. Gen. Carlos Romulo, Philippine ambassador and former UN delegate, and New York Times staff man John D. Morris walked out March 21 on a tape recording of "State of the Nation" after they learned it was a Facts Forum show. They stated they had been led to believe it was a network-produced discussion program.

It was following the Romulo-Morris walkout that the two unnamed Mutual newsmen said they would seek work elsewhere. They had been booking guests for the McCarthyite shows and claiming Mutual was billing the programs as network productions.

The newsmen protested that when guests learned they were booked for Facts Forum programs they charged they had been duped.

Facts Forum operates "State of the Nation" on Mutual, "Answers for Americans" on ABC radio and TV, and "Facts Forum," booked on a spot basis on both tape and film. WOR, Mutual's New York outlet, carries this latter McCarthyite buildup.

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By WILLIAM T. EVJUE

**PASTE** this in your hat. The biggest Communist victory of all will be the one that would bring about the destruction of the United Nations and the solidarity of the free nations of the world against communism. This is what the McCarthy-Knowland-Chicago-Tribune crowd in the Republican party is planning. We may some day find ourselves in the position of fighting alone against a communist world.

An announcement of the death of Ferd Bartlett in the Milwaukee newspapers brought memories of the days back near the turn of the century when he was a student at the university and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. In those days, eight fraternity houses were located in the block on Lake St. between Langdon and the lake, and in Mendota Ct. Going down memory lane, we can still see fraternity fellows pouring out of the area and starting up Langdon St. for their daily climb on the Hill. Ferd could be seen swinging out of the Sigma Chi house with Platt Brush or Lew Parks. Out of the Chi Psi house, one might see those cronies, Snick Inbusch, Bill Uhllein and Harold Falk. Or there might be Walt Sleep, Sid Law, or Tom Leahy. (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

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emerging from the Phi Delta house, Fred Mackenzie and Cap Young from SAE. And out of Phi Gamma Delta, one might salute Ned Jordan, Buck Sawyer, or Speck Hannahs. Out of Mendota Ct. Ike Dahle led his Delta Tau brothers who had the reputation of being the best dressed men on the campus. Louie Sherman would likely come out of the Beta retreat and the huge Ed Vanderboom would amble out of the Kappa Sig house. Those were the days of freshmen skull caps, peg-topped trousers, Hammacher's military hops, Flom's theater and Prof. Benny Snow with his snow crystal lectures. Death has now summoned many of these able young men in Fraternity Row in those years.

We have a queer national mentality in this country today. We fire public officials who take their oaths of office seriously and those who violate their oath are retained. A newly installed policeman and traffic officer, Edward Coolidge, didn't last very long in his job as an Oregon policeman. The law provides that autolists over the highly traveled Highway 214 running through Oregon must not exceed a speed limit of 35 miles an hour. Coolidge proceeded to enforce that law. Local business interests protested, however, and now the village board has fired Coolidge. Officials who wink at the law fire those who respect the law. Characteristic of the closed door secrecy which is enveloping government everywhere, the members of the Oregon board refused to give out any information concerning the reasons for the dismissal of the officer. Are public officials becoming the masters rather than the servants of the people?

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## Civil Liberties Union Asked To Probe Fight on Facts Forum

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A producer of radio and TV shows for Facts Forum said yesterday he has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to investigate "an incredible campaign of vilification" aimed at muzzling the forum.

Producer Hardy Burt, in a letter to Patrick Malin, ACLU executive director, said this campaign had been traced to several organizations. Among these groups, he named the National Issues Committee and declared that earlier this year the N.I.C. complained to the Mutual Broadcasting System about two Facts Forum programs.

Mr. Burt said the complaint was an effort "to frighten and intimidate a radio network by conjuring up the 'bogey-man' of an FCC investigation."

In Washington, Don Pryor, executive director of the N.I.C., said his group had not complained about Facts Forum, but had asked the network for a program to avoid over-emphasis of one point of view in the programming. Mr. Pryor said his group, which is headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, disseminates information on national issues, but takes no partisan stand.

### Another Group Named

Mr. Burt added that another organization trying to keep Facts Forum off the air is the American Committee for Cultural Freedom. He said Norman Thomas, writing in the name of this group, "appeared to have succeeded in convincing NBC against having any dealings with Facts Forum."

Mr. Thomas said later he had not the slightest objection to Facts Forum being on the air, but said he did object to its effort to "monopolize public discussions programs."

"Under the guise of impartiality, they (Facts Forum) do not practice it," he said.

The veteran Socialist leader said that when he learned Facts Forum wanted to line up NBC

time for a program, he told David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, "NBC is big enough to run its own public discussion programs."

"Sarnoff and the NBC people came to agree with me," he said.

### Founded by H. L. Hunt.

Facts Forum describes itself as a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization. It was founded and largely financed by H. L. Hunt, Texas millionaire.

Mr. Burt, who produces the programs "Answers for Americans" and "State of the Nation" for Facts Forum, said the organization's aim is to present both sides of any question fairly.

In his letter to the ACLU, Mr. Burt also said the Americans for Democratic Action had black-listed Facts Forum, and thereby "made it plain it does not consider Facts Forum worthy of the civil liberties it demands for Communists."

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What they're saying



about **FACTS FORUM**

The past few months I have been reading the *Facts Forum News* of Dallas, Texas. Former FBI Agent Dan Smoot is on the staff of *Facts Forum* and is doing a real job. If you like a publication with the facts, do not fail to send for this. It will give you lots of food for thought, and we all can use more of this. I cannot praise this magazine too highly. Be sure to also listen to *Facts Forum* on your radio or TV.

Bob Goocher

*Bulls Eye*, official publication of  
Northwest Peace Officers Association, Inc.  
1828 N. E. 40th, Portland 13, Oregon

Your programs have been excellent and your presentation splendid; however, on "Do You Think Senator Joe McCarthy Has Done More Harm Than Good?", I was very much disappointed, as it was very apparent that you gave twice as much time to the anti-McCarthy side of the issue as you did to the pro-McCarthy.

On this particular subject, Mr. Smoot, your talk seemed quite prejudiced and anti-McCarthy.

I might add that I am a subscriber to your *Facts Forum* magazine and hope to see both sides of the question in that publication.

Miriam J. Wittmer

610 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

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## Facts Forum Seeds Thought Control Plot

NEW YORK, June 18 (U.P.)—Hardy Burt, radio producer for the controversial Facts Forum, charged today that the National Issues Committee, headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, is attempting "to enforce a system of thought control in the United States."

Burt said the NIC is trying to sabotage two programs—State of the Nation and Reporters' Roundup, both sponsored by Facts Forum—and intimidate the Mutual Network which carries them.

His statement followed publication of a letter from Don Pryor, executive director of NIC, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is national chairman, complaining to Mutual on its use of the two programs.

Burt said he had conceived the program State of the Nation, for Facts Forum but that Reporters' Roundup, of which he is also moderator, is produced by Mutual with guests and reporters selected by the network's Washington director, Everett Holles.

"Beyond the request that I produce an honest, fair show, no official of Facts Forum has ever asked me to stress either 'liberal' or 'conservative views,'" Burt said in a letter to Pryor.

"Your letter makes it evident that your underlying aim in trying to sabotage these programs is to enforce a system of thought control in the United States—namely, your brand of thought. It is obvious that you are interested in having only one side of any public issue discussed or aired," Burt wrote.

Facts Forum was founded and is supported by Texas multi-millionaire H. L. Hunt, Jr., a friend of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.). Burt said in his letter that the organization sponsors the radio programs because it "wants to get more people interested in public affairs."

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• Dan Smoot has quit Facts Forum and on July 20 will begin publishing a news letter called Dan Smoot Speaks. It'll deal only with his views on controversial subjects of public concern. He'll do a similar radio program for the Interstate Lumber Company.

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## Dan Smoot Leaves Facts Forum Job To Be Commentator

Dan Smoot, radio and television commentator for Facts Forum since its inception in 1951, has severed connection with the organization to branch out as a private commentator under commercial sponsorship.

The former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Tuesday said he plans to publish a weekly newsletter to be sold on a subscription basis and conduct radio and television analyses of controversial topics of the day.

Mr. Smoot said the change had no connection with politics and said he had no personal political ambitions.

His first program, he said, is scheduled over KRLD, The Times Herald station, at 4:30 p. m. Sunday and will be sponsored.

Facts Forum President Robert H. Dedman also announced that News Editor Medford Evans and Circulation Director O. M. Spence also had left the organization and that replacements are being sought.

Mr. Dedman said the personnel shakeup did not indicate any rift within the organization of any lessening in the interest of Oilman H. L. Hunt, its principal benefactor.

A Facts Forum television show featuring Hardy Burt will be expanded and will replace the program Mr. Smoot moderated, Mr. Dedman said. He also announced that persons with opposing views would continue to appear on programs to discuss topics of public interest.

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# Probers in Split On Facts Forum

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union today issued a report on complaints that pressure group activities had infringed the rights of Facts Forum and driven its radio and TV shows off the air.

The ACLU said it found some of the complaints valid and others not.

The report was sent to Hardy Burt, producer of radio and TV shows for Facts Forum, who last November complained to the ACLU about "an incredible campaign of vilification" aimed at muzzling the forum.

Facts Forum calls itself a non-profit, nonpartisan educational organization. It was founded and largely financed by Texas millionaire H. L. Hunt. Its critics generally claimed it has a "right-wing" or conservative bias.

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(GAMBLING-HUNT)

DALLAS, TEX.--MULTI-MILLIONAIRE H. L. HUNT, WHO HAS BEEN SUBPENAED TO TELL AN INDIANAPOLIS, IND., GRAND JURY TOMORROW WHAT HE KNEWS ABOUT A GAMBLING SYNDICATE, IS HOSPITALIZED IN DALLAS AND WILL UNDERGO A THROAT OPERATION TODAY.

HUNT, REPUTED TO BE ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, TWO DALLAS DOCTORS SAID IN AN AFFIDAVIT SENT YESTERDAY TO U.S. DIST. ATTY. DON A. TABBERT IN INDIANAPOLIS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, DALLAS  
SUBJECT: FACTS FORUM  
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DATE: 6/26/51

The Daily Times Herald, Dallas, Texas, for June 22, 1951, carried an article entitled, "Facts Forums Spread - New Program Aims to Start Thinking." This article stated as follows:

" A movement is under way in Dallas this summer that already has spread to half a dozen other cities and is bidding to cover the entire nation in another year.

The project is Facts Forum, whose purpose is billed as 'to enlighten and inform the individual and the public.'

It operates on the basis of many small chapters of some 40 members each who get together and conduct public opinion polls, which then serve as a basis for discussion of a wide variety of current issues on the part of the membership.

Facts Forum has enlisted a number of individuals in its founding stage, but the origin of the idea is credited directly to H. L. Hunt, Dallas oil man, who is genuinely disturbed at the frequent indifference on the part of the public at large to national and world affairs.

'Most people are disturbed about various aspects of the national and world situation of today, but all are busy with personal affairs and only a few people take the time to really inform themselves on situations and thus form opinions based on fact,' Mr. Hunt explained.

'We of Facts Forum believe that if people know the true facts, hear them discussed pro and con, they will then form logical opinions as to the best course to follow.

'Let's get one thing straight from the start. Facts Forum seeks to find the facts, not impose preconceived ideas on its membership. We must at all times stay strictly clear of partisan politics. We must make certain that the facts are determined on a broad basis, from the bottom up, and not handed out in decisions from the top down,' Mr. Hunt emphasized.

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" The pilot group, Dallas Forum No. 1, already was busy this week with its first opinion poll. Cards were sent out on several issues last week to a select mailing list and returns were being received this week.

Robert H. Dedman, young Dallas attorney, is first president of the Dallas Forum No. 1, and is devoting considerable time and interest to Facts Forum as a whole, aiding other groups in organizational work.

'We feel that we have an idea that will take hold and spread rapidly,' Mr. Dedman declared. 'The response already has been very good. We've had inquiries from individuals and organizations in Dallas who are interested in starting other units, and groups are in process of formation in other parts of Texas and in several other states. Inquiries have come in from all over the nation.'

Months of careful planning and preparation on the part of Mr. Hunt and his staff preceded the actual opening the first chapter of Facts Forum. Several booklets outlining the organization and its purposes were written and printed. Headquarters have been established in the Mercantile Securities Bldg.

From the proposed plan of operation for Facts Forum is the following opening statement:

'... Participants shall direct an orderly study of the art of living and the science of government. They shall discuss and disseminate information on national affairs. They shall increase their fitness for self-government and become more worthy custodians of freedom. Since the knowledge of an individual does not become a part of the democratic process unless expressed, Facts Forum shall cultivate not only an informed but an articulate opinion.'

The founders of the movement are strongly convinced that the democratic process can continue to function properly only through an alert and informed populace, a people interested enough in government to find out what is going on and do something about it, Mr. Dedman declared.

'If Facts Forum is to grow and become an effective force, it must be through the efforts of the individual participants in

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"'in hundreds of communities throughout the nation,' Mr. Hunt said.

'I can help the forum get started, but that's as far as I intend to go. Any effort on the part of anyone to dictate a course of action to the forum chapters would kill the movement in a hurry.'

The basis of the organization's operation will be the opinion poll. Topics for the poll will be selected by the members themselves. Postcards will be mailed throughout the nation, and results will be compiled on local, regional and finally national basis.

The studies likely will include governmental science, fuller living and vital subjects which materially affect the ability of the earth to support life, such as soil conservation, mineral wealth conservation, water supply and others."

H. L. HUNT is the owner and operator of the Hunt Oil Company with headquarters in the Mercantile Bank Building and is reported to be the largest independent oil operator in the world. He is reported to be a multi-millionaire.

Enclosed herewith is one copy each of the following:

- A pamphlet entitled "FACTS FORUM Plan"
- A pamphlet entitled "FACTS FORUM a PROSPECT asks why Participate?"
- A mimeographed leaflet entitled "AWARDS FOR MEETING PROGRAMS"

Mr. HUNT reportedly wrote the two pamphlets himself and is reportedly financing Facts Forum, which is a hobby with him.

Former Special Agent HOWARD D. SMOOT has been employed by Mr. HUNT to head and operate Facts Forum. Mr. SMOOT began work for this organization on June 25, 1951.

The above is furnished to the Bureau for information purposes as it is expected that the Bureau will receive inquiries concerning Facts Forum.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU

Dallas Let. to Bureau dated 6/26/51

***FACTS FORUM***

***a PROSPECT***

*asks why Participate?*



a *PROSPECT* asks

why Participate?

This is 'Fred,' or it could be his mother, wife, his bachelor friends, Joe, or Gladys, his daughter Anne, or his neighbor's slightly precocious son Billy — none of whom may think in the vernacular used herein, nor in any similar pattern, but all of whom can, or could easily learn, to think.

Fred works pretty hard and plays hard, leading a very busy life. He reads with good understanding. The statements he reads and hears regarding public affairs he fits into a pattern which gives him some comprehension. His interest is limited. The acts of officials coming to his attention he generally disapproves—and frequently disapproves of the officials. In a vague way he hopes conditions will improve, but does not go to the trouble of deciding what will cause them to improve, or what would really constitute improvement.

He is asked to join an association for information and enlightenment called Facts Forum which would better prepare him to take part in public affairs.

The time he can give is limited. His work definitely requires much of his attention and energy. He has many commitments. He needs rest, recreation and change. He enjoys small talk and games of chance and skill in which he takes part. He does not want to be regimented, nor loaded down with onerous duties; above all, he does not want to fail in, nor neglect, what others may think he should do. So he dreads new and additional tasks.

wrong or misleading in what he is saying about what I know about, I will sure take the rest of what he says with a grain of salt. I will have some way of knowing why he is saying what he says, and this will give me a good idea if he is trying to fool somebody—or is just fooled himself—which side he is talking for, and if he deals in facts. Facts are what count; only facts and sound theory can help us. The untruth nearly always hurts us—that is, if we believe it. The Big Lie prejudices, pollutes, threatens, persuades, promises, and bribes. It makes truth look prim and old-fashioned. Big Facts will show it up and send it back to where it came from. Maybe we've been overlooking something and Freedom is worth saving from the Big Lie—It's not too late.



"I am not in the habit of talking in public—it may be that I don't do too well in conversation, but with a little practice I could tell what I know if I know it well enough. I can become handy enough verbally that someone who is indignantly wrong can't make a complete monkey out of me—just because they're indignant.

"There are some other people I would like to see in

Facts Forum. Some of them are good talkers, some just good thinkers, and some just good people. But they all count if we are to ever have peace and get along real good.

"I am not going to meetings except when I want to, and I am not promising anybody I will go. I like the idea that we who participate will be running the show and will not be proceeding along a program thought up and handed down to us by some super-committee that we did not pick. I would just rather we trust ourselves. In governing Facts Forum, the initial and primary acts of its government must originate from time to time in the meetings which are much like the old Town Meetings. There we pick the more willing and wiser among us to begin representing us and doing our work.

"It is the people we elect in the neighborhood unit who will run it and, through their delegates, the County unit; through the County unit's delegates, the State unit; and through the State unit's delegates the National unit. We, through our representatives, will be picking the top officials who will run it. We will change them regularly with this same machinery.

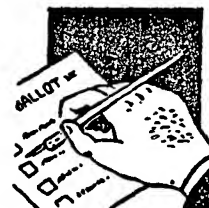
"I think this voting through representatives is a good thing because no one is then casting a vote for a person who is far beyond his acquaintance. It reminds me of the original idea for the United States presidential electors. If I don't get to a meeting, someone I have designated, who thinks as I do, will have my proxy and will vote my sentiments.

"I like the rotation in office feature which will keep all parts of the organization from ever going to seed. Officials cannot be kept in just because they have been in there a long time and someone says they will have to re-elect Joe. They must get out for at least eleven months after each three years of service; and if they are remembered as being valuable enough, they can then be pressed back into service. If the United States Government had proper rotation in office provisions, the chances are we would be better off now.

"I may not want to go to meetings, but if a critical election comes up, I will be there because my vote will count twice as much when I am there voting in person. If they are going to talk about anything I am particularly interested in, or someone is going to talk whom I want to hear, I will go. I may want to go sometime just to out-talk someone I know to be wrong. Otherwise, I probably won't go unless I am needed to be one of the meager three who must be there to keep the outfit a going concern.

"I don't want an office—see that Facts Forum has sugar-coated this one—an Officer can name a substitute. I would accept under that condition, but I'm not running. They will have to draft me.

"If I don't help form a unit, I may go in for a year 'at large.' If I don't learn anything for a year that I would not otherwise have known, Facts Forum is a failure as far as I'm concerned.



"Here is something I will do. I will vote in the polls, and I will probably let it be known how I am going to vote. In fact, when I am sure I am right, I'll be trying to get some dumb clucks who are wrong to vote right, for, as far as expressing informed public opinion is concerned, these polls are the payoff. It is fine to write your Senators and Congressmen, and maybe the President, but one vote in this informed public opinion poll may be equally as effective as a fullfledged letter.

"I have often thought it would be interesting to vote in any public opinion poll and to know some of the others who are being polled.

"The Facts Forum poll serves another purpose: it directs study and causes vast numbers (including nonmembers) to study and think about the same subjects at the same time. It brings into play group psychology—not the same thing as 'mob' psychology at all because it will not be blind, but instead intelligent and most far-seeing.

"It appears that in Facts Forum no one is trying to make any money out of me. I get the idea they are not looking to me to finance the deal. I can contribute money if and when I want to and can afford to. If there is some ulterior



motive which I cannot find, it is so deep the sinister mover will never be able to dig out. I think I can see why I'm needed: it is to help make this a genuine grass roots movement of thinking people who are to participate and govern themselves in a practical educational association and, I hope, in time prove they can also successfully govern themselves in an organization known as U.S.A.

"If it proves to be truly educational—and I am willing to help work at keeping it that—and since it is surely workable, I am sure there must be vast amounts of money available for Facts Forum—the same as for other educational institutions—above the tuition which is paid by the students themselves. It is true that what Facts Forum offers is a practical education, but when coupled with experience and mature judgment, it becomes most useful in making important decisions and is all the better because it is practical.

"I am beginning to sound like a dyed-in-the-wool disciple. I guess I have talked myself into this. I never could resist good, sound, convincing argument. Hope it's some fun. It's worth a try, so here's wishing for the best—for me and for Facts Forum."

*Fred*

*Temporary Committee*  
FACTS FORUM  
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# ***FACTS FORUM***

***PLAN***

## FACTS FORUM SAMPLE BALLOT

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ A. Should UN impose a naval blockade against the China Coast?  
☐ ☐ B. Should UN conduct air reconnaissance over Manchuria and the China Coast?

### VOTE FOR 2 OF 12 BELOW TO BE FEATURED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Should UN intensify the economic blockade against China? . . .   | Sen. J. A. Link   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Should US continue Marshall plan aid to countries trading with Red China? . . .                              | Mrs. J. B. George |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Does our present policy in Asia reflect serious disloyalty? . . .  | Gov. A. F. Wells  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Should Japan be permitted and encouraged to rearm? . . .   | Dr. C. E. John    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Should the present fighting be contained in Korea? . . .   | Dr. N. O. Lewis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Should fluorine be added to water supplies of cities? . . .  | Gov. A. B. Kell   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Are DDT and other wonder poisons slowly poisoning our population? . . .                                      | Miss Jane Calhoun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Has the House Un-American Activities Committee become unduly dormant? . . .                                  | Sen. H. A. Allen  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Can we suffer a serious business recession while rearming? . .   | Dr. J. V. Black   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Should appropriations for the State Department be withheld until former Red sympathizers are removed? . . . | Gen. W. E. Lang   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Is General MacArthur harmfully impairing the confidence of the people in their leaders? . . .               | Gen. A. J. Hew    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Is it vital that Congress remain active on remaining Hoover Report recommendations? . . .                   | Miss Mary Donner  |

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

STAMP

**Mrs. F. F. Participant**

**000 Blank Street**

**Dallas, Texas**

**NOTE:** Questions A and B represent those selected by ballot from a prior list of twelve and are now, after study, submitted for a "yes" or "no" vote. From the new set of twelve, the two receiving the highest vote in the national poll will be featured in study and later submitted for a "yes" or "no" vote. Above names are fictitious. In the actual ballots the names of those contributing questions will replace them. After Facts Forum is organized unsigned ballots will be counted.



## **FACTS FORUM**

*Proposed Plan, June 1, 1951*

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of Facts Forum is to inform and enlighten the individual and the public. The Participants constituting Facts Forum shall direct, maintain and control an orderly study of the art of living and the science of government. They shall discuss and disseminate information on national affairs. Expanding their horizons by making awareness of public affairs a part of their leisure, Participants shall increase their fitness for self-government and shall become more worthy custodians of freedom. Since the knowledge of an individual does not become a part of the Democratic process unless expressed, Facts Forum shall cultivate not only an informed but an articulate opinion.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Any American citizen or applicant for citizenship 15 years of age or older who is interested in such vital problems as water and soil conservation, the practical application of sound ideas to government and how the actions of public officials affect his personal life and that of posterity is invited to become a Participant.

### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

In order to express an informed public opinion, to direct study, stimulate interest and gain publicity for Facts Forum, votes of the Participants shall be taken on subjects of national concern and the results of the balloting shall be publicized.

National Forum Officers shall obtain from well-known public figures questions of interest so worded that they may be answered "yes" or "no." From these questions and others suggested by Participants, the National Executive Board shall select 12 to be publicized and supplied to County or District Boards, as the case may be, for use in a poll to determine by competitive ballot the two questions commanding the greatest public interest.

The poll will be conducted by mailing weekly a double postcard to the Participants residing within the county. Half of each postcard carrying the 12 questions will be addressed back to the County Executive Board. The Board will tabulate the county vote, release the results for publication, and transmit the total to the State Executive Board. The State Board will likewise tabulate the state vote, release the results for publication, and transmit the totals to the National Executive Board. The National Board will declare the two questions receiving the highest popular vote to be subjects for feature study on which a "yes" or "no" vote will be taken in a later poll.

The returns from this poll will become news items of great interest; and the topics which are voted for feature

study, becoming known to be of especial interest, should prompt research and intense discussion by editorial writers, columnists, commentators and the public.

Facts Forum shall supply Participants reading material or bibliographies relevant to subjects under study, or otherwise of great interest. Any Participant may enroll in a circulation schedule to receive either bulletins, pamphlets, books or all material available. Schedules will afford each Participant a very limited time to read or appraise each item and provide that he then promptly deliver it to a particular Participant designated in the schedule.

In furtherance of study and for the purpose of discussion which will serve to impress facts and to develop Participants' personality, power of expression and ability to convincingly present their views, neighborhood groups constituting primary units of Facts Forum will hold meetings.

In addition to the featured questions, study shall be made of governmental science, fuller living and vital subjects which materially affect the ability of the earth to support life, such as the maintenance of the fresh water table, the conservation of soil and its mineral content and their relation to the national health and economy.

Studies in forest preservation, reforestation, the planting of timber shelter belts, the creation and preservation of fresh water bodies and the actual influence of such measures on climate, health and economy are desirable; and consideration must be given to determining the point at which private effort becomes insufficient and governmental participation therein becomes necessary.

## POLICY

No unit of Facts Forum shall endorse any candidate for any public office, participate in any political campaign, nor engage in any lobbying activities, local, state or national. Furthermore, individual Participants shall pledge themselves never to appropriate the name or to use the prestige of Facts Forum or any of its units in any of the aforementioned activities. No questions dealing with controversial issues or subjects which are apt to become controversial in a political campaign shall be submitted or voted on during the 30 days immediately preceding a general Congressional election.

Facts Forum shall not discourage political activities, and Participants, in becoming members of Facts Forum, shall not waive or surrender any of their political rights, privileges and duties.

## AWARDS

To stimulate and in recognition of high achievement in furthering the aims of Facts Forum and to encourage the development of talent discovered through the operation of Facts Forum, awards may be made. If found practical, Facts Forum could offer extension course work to any Participants.



# I.

## PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

### 1. BASIC UNIT

- A. The primary unit of organization shall be a neighborhood study group of 42 persons or as near that number as is practical (exclusive of salaried personnel, members of a higher unit, or members of the Advisory Board), known as a Forum.
- B. The Participants shall select from their Forum a Board of Directors of 7 members which shall, in turn, select a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These three officers shall constitute an Executive Board which, when acting unanimously, will be authorized to manage the affairs of the Forum within the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of Facts Forum. Matters on which the Executive Board fails to reach unanimous agreement shall be referred to the Board of Directors to be resolved by majority decision.
- C. The Board of Directors shall select two deputies from its Forum to the next higher unit, of which the Forum shall be a part, a moderator to preside at meetings, and any other officers needed in the conduct of the Forum.
- D. A Participant shall not hold more than one position on the Forum Executive Board, but otherwise may act in as many different capacities as he may be chosen to fill. It is quite likely, but not required, that the Executive Board and other officers will be chosen from the members of the Board of Directors.

### 2. HIGHER UNITS

- A. All Forums domiciled within a county will collectively constitute a County Forum to be known by the county name, e.g., Wood County Forum.
- B. Counties in which the Facts Forum membership is small may join other counties to form a unit, the equivalent of a County unit, to be known as a District. After any county reaches a membership that warrants, it may withdraw from the District and become a County unit. Entire Congressional districts within large counties should be made Fractional County units, the name to carry the Congressional district number, such as "Cook County Unit No. 10."
- C. The County and District Forums within a state will constitute a State Forum to be called by the name of the State.
- D. The Forums of the various states will constitute the National Facts Forum.
- E. Pending complete organization, the first highest unit perfected at any given time shall perform the duties of all contemplated higher units.

The government of each unit in Facts Forum shall be the same as all other units except the Participants elect the Board of Directors in Forums and the deputies to higher units elect the Board of Directors of their respective higher units.

### 3. AGE, SUCCESSION AND VACANCIES IN OFFICE

- A. All officers of local Forums shall be at least 18 years of age, and all County, State and National officers shall be at least 21 years of age.

- (5) During a period of slack attendance as few as three may hold the monthly meeting required to keep the Forum intact so that its Participants may continue Forum reading, study and voicing opinions. During periods of high attendance separate meetings for smaller groups may be arranged in order that more intensive participation may be had in discussion.

**B. County and State Meetings**

Meetings of Participants of the County and State Forums may not be practical and are not planned. In the event, however, an especially prominent speaker is available, such a meeting may be held. Meetings of the officials of the County and State Forums will be held whenever needed.

**C. National Meetings**

(1) National conventions of the Participants may not be practical, but the deputies to the National Facts Forum will meet whenever their duties require, as will the Board of Directors. The National Executive Board will remain in session at the national headquarters.

(2) Upon failure of the State or National Executive Board to reach unanimous agreement on matters before it, in referring the issue to their respective Board of Directors for decision, the Executive Board will be authorized to canvass the Board of Directors by telephone, wire, or mail, in which event each director's vote will count as one vote whether present or absent.

**II.**

**VOTING IN MEETINGS**

- A. Proxies and absentee ballots in voting in the Forums will be permitted, the votes having these values: for each Participant one vote if cast by absentee ballot or proxy, two votes if present and voting in person.
- B. The vote of all Deputies to higher units will have a numerical value equivalent to the total registered Participants in good standing which the Deputy represents. This vote may be cast by proxy or absentee ballot and, if so, shall be counted in the same value as though it were cast in person.

**III.**

**EQUIPMENT FOR A FORUM**

Minimum required equipment for a Forum will be current books and magazines to be distributed among Participants. The Forum will prepare timetables of appropriate radio and television programs of interest to Participants.

**IV.**

**SALARIED PERSONNEL**

- A. A salaried co-ordinator and a Secretary will be required in counties in which there is a large participation. They would assist the officers of Forums in carrying on the work of Facts Forum within the county.

assisting the County Forums in polls, and maintaining contacts with the State and National Forums.

- B. The Executive Board of the State will be paid salaries and will need some salaried personnel in tabulating votes in the polls, maintaining contact between various county organizations, between the State and County, and between the State and National Forums.
- C. The Executive Board of the National Forum will be required to remain in session constantly and the three officers constituting this Board should be paid a salary sufficient so that persons of limited means can serve, but leaving the opportunity afforded for accomplishment as the real reward. The National Executive Board will require the assistance of a sufficient number of paid employees to carry on the work of the national organization. Under no circumstances should it carry excessive personnel or build up cumbersome organization which would make of it a non-governmental, inefficient bureaucracy.
- D. As a safeguard to continued efficiency, the National Executive Board may require any State Executive Board to dispense with the services of any of its employees; and likewise, any State Executive Board may require the Executive Board of any lower unit to dispense with the services of any of its employees.
- E. All salaried personnel of Facts Forum will be Participants in a Forum, but will not be entitled to vote on any issue.

## V.

### FISCAL AFFAIRS

No funds for the support and maintenance of Facts Forum shall be solicited except by authorized persons, and all contributions received shall be paid promptly to the various treasurers responsible therefor and by them disbursed on proper authority.

## VI.

### CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Facts Forum shall always be and remain an educational association for dissemination of information, training and enlightenment, supported by voluntary contributions, and shall never levy an assessment, or dues, or make a charge against its Participants, and none of its property or earnings shall ever inure to the benefit of any private individual, except such as may be paid for services rendered it or such benefits as might be derived from the accomplishment of its educational purposes; and no substantial part of the activities of Facts Forum shall ever be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and no part of its earnings shall ever inure to or for the use of the United Nations.

Subject to the above being strictly adhered to, five or more members of the Board of Directors of National Facts Forum shall be authorized to adopt alterations, amendments, or additions to the various provisions for the government, operation and administration of all units provided no



alteration, amendment or addition shall ever be valid unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the Advisory Board hereinafter provided for.

## VII.

### ADVISORY BOARD

The early organization, as soon as it is deemed practical by the Board of Directors of the highest unit then perfected, shall select an Advisory Board with a minimum of seven members, and which shall never exceed 500, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors of any unit. Three of the first seven members of the Advisory Board shall serve five years, two shall serve six years, and two shall serve seven years. Thereafter each member shall serve six years from the date of his selection, and no member shall be eligible to succeed himself or any other member of said Board until the lapse of one year after the expiration of his last preceding term.

In addition to its authority to ratify amendments, members of the Advisory Board should make studies of the operation of Facts Forum and, individually or in groups not exceeding one-third of its total membership, issue advisory reports to the National Executive Board. It may also, for proper cause, by a two-thirds majority, impeach and remove any official of Facts Forum.

The Advisory Board shall perpetuate its existence and annually elect successors to all members whose terms expire during the ensuing year; and it shall be authorized, in its

discretion, to increase its number from time to time by the selection of additional members.

The Advisory Board may apply to the unit which created it for additional powers to assist in organizational work, especially financing, which powers shall be requested prior to and not extended beyond January 1, 1952.

## VIII

### JUNIOR DIVISIONS

If Facts Forum finds need for Junior Divisions, age limits will be altered so that youth, however young, may participate in fitting divisions.

## IX

### INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

With the organization of Facts Forum accomplished in the United States, the spread of its benefits to other nations is foreseeable. An international organization would necessarily vary from the uniform provisions of the organization in the United States. International extension should be contemplated only on a basis that its operation abroad would be self-sustaining and financed by Participants in foreign countries. Herein lies a hope for permanent peace.

### FACTS FORUM

720 MERCANTILE SECURITIES BLDG.  
DALLAS, TEXAS,

PRospect 5676

*If there is something important to be done, busy people must do it.*

*Think! The word means more than you think.*

*If you are not to do your own thinking, someone else will do it for you.*

*Apathy toward public affairs is the cause of the ills that beset us today.*

*Public opinion is a constant immutable force which can be altered or changed only by itself.*

*What you know or believe and say is public opinion.*

#### **Changes Decided by Executive Committee as a Result of Suggestions from Participants in Forum Meetings**

The June 1 Plan as hereunder amended shall be known as the June 8, 1951, Plan.

Page 7, 3A shall hereafter read, "High ability may develop and emerge from any age level in Facts Forum. Therefore, any of its offices may be attained by any Participant."

Page 8, 4A, "a one-year tenure" is changed to hereafter read as follows: "a period of 90 days in which to affiliate in a Forum."

Page 14, VII, "Three of ..." to "... years. Thereafter" is changed to hereafter read as follows: "The Advisory Board shall have the same plan of organization as all other units, and its Executive Board shall hold title to all Facts Forum real estate." This change is made in contemplation that Facts Forum may demonstrate and teach practical agriculture.

ROBERT H. DEDMAN  
*President, Dallas Forum No. 1.*

## AWARDS FOR MEETING PROGRAMS

Facts Forum needs the help of its Participants to enable its highest units to recommend procedure which may be followed in Forum meetings.

The following awards for papers suggesting programs for a Forum meeting will be made:

First - \$150.00  
Second - \$100.00  
Third - \$ 75.00  
Fourth - \$ 50.00  
Next ten awards - \$ 25.00 each

### RULES:

All papers must be submitted to Facts Forum, 720 Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, on or before August 1, 1951.

A Participant may submit only one paper, and only Participants may receive awards.

Each paper must completely cover the features for a complete program exclusive of routine, and should be planned in contemplation of a certain approximate attendance. Some programs suited to a large attendance may not be suitable for a lesser attendance.

A paper should anticipate a certain age group.

A paper should provide for a meeting featured by some certain procedure such as debates, book reviews, speeches, movie shorts, contests, etc.

Papers submitted shall not be returned to contributors, but shall become the property of Facts Forum, which shall use the material in any way desired.

Each paper shall carry a number composed of eight digits for identification, and shall be accompanied with a memoranda giving the contributors name and address to enable the Facts Forum Secretary to make the necessary records.

### JUDGING:

All papers will first be judged by a judging committee, appointed by the executive board of the highest unit, which shall select thirty papers for final competition.

Awards will be made for the ideas conveyed rather than for composition and form. However, any papers considered of equal merit as to ideas conveyed will be judged for clarity, composition and neatness.

The contributors of the thirty papers selected will be called through a representative of Facts Forum to meet and select a judging committee which shall make the final awards.

Judges' decision will be final.

Facts Forum Program Committee

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SAC, Dallas

July 18, 1951

Director, FBI

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Reurnemo of June 26, 1951, pertaining to the above organization.

It is desired that no cooperation whatsoever be furnished this organization in the event it is requested.

For the benefit of the other Texas Offices, it should be noted that Facts Forum is a new group financed and backed by the millionaire oil man named H. L. Hunt, the owner and operator of the Hunt Oil Company which has headquarters in Dallas. The organization started in Dallas this summer and is designed to create interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs. Public opinion polls are conducted and the information is disseminated to the public. Already the group has spread to several other cities.

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Houston  
San Antonio

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Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 14, 1951

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FACTS FORUM

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The Dallas Office has submitted to the Bureau background information and pamphlets concerning a new organization in Dallas, Texas, called Facts Forum which apparently is being financed and backed by the millionaire oil man named H. L. Hunt. Hunt owns and operates the Hunt Oil Company which has headquarters in the Mercantile Bank Building in Dallas and he is reported to be the largest independent oil operator in the world.

Facts Forum started in Dallas this summer and is designed to create interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs. It conducts public opinion polls and disseminates the results to the public. Already it has spread to several other cities. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects which materially affect the ability of the earth to support life, such as soil conservation, mineral wealth conservation, water supply, etc.

Mr. Hunt is allegedly financing Facts Forum as a hobby. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate Facts Forum. Smoot began working for this outfit on June 25, 1951.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That we not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way if a request along this line should be received.

MAJ:

I certainly agree. Sacs in Texas should be so instructed

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LIDLEY BECKWORTH  
30 DISTRICT, TEXAS

COMMITTEE:  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

7/28/51

Dear Sir:

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I quote the pertinent part of a letter I have received from [REDACTED]

"I have organized a Facts Forum [REDACTED] for Mr. H. A. [REDACTED] which I am certain you are in favor of its activities. I will appreciate very much if at all possible you could send me a list or the group of books listing un-American activities."

[REDACTED] will appreciate any information you might give her. EXPEDITE

Sincerely,

Lidley Beckworth

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Honorable Lindley B. Beckworth  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

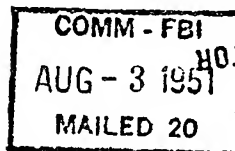
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I have received a copy of your  
letter dated July 28, 1951, regarding the  
request of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

For the completion of your files  
I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have  
sent to her today.

With expressions of my highest  
esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

[REDACTED]  
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H. L. HUNT  
MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING  
DALLAS, TEXAS

August 9, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
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Miss Gandy.....

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing cards carrying the questions of the Facts Forum polls and showing the results of the voting. I also enclose the Polling Committee's formal request for questions and some other material which will give you some insight into Facts Forum without wading through their heavily written plans.

I was particularly impressed by your article "We need Fanaticism" which appeared in yesterday's Dallas Times Herald. It occurs to me that you would be willing to supply Facts Forum two or three of the fine questions which you could so easily formulate from which the Polling Committee could choose one for their poll which goes into the printer's hands next Monday morning, August 13th. The use of a question is not precluded because the identical question or one of a similar nature has been previously run.

I have often wondered "Is there more than 1% of our population deliberately intent on destroying America?" I am sure that you have a good idea whether the answer to this is "yes" or "no". The general public probably has little idea - some might guess 5%, some 10%, some 40%. After study should they decide it was less than 1% they would probably be aroused to not permit such a meager percentage to win out over the 99% to which they belong.

On account of the shortness of the time, the Facts Forum Polling Committee will probably call you long distance to see if you have a question for their next poll.

Judge T. Whitfield Davidson, one of the Federal Judges in Dallas, and myself are two of the most enthusiastic participants in Facts Forum. He is coming to see me in the morning to discuss Facts Forum affairs and I shall call his attention to "We need Fanaticism". The chances are he has already read it.

With best wishes!

Constructively,

H. L. Hunt

HLH:jf  
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EXPEDITE PROCESSING

## RESULTS OF JUNE 22 POLL

### FACTS FORUM BALLOT

VOTE THESE 2 "NO" OR "YES"

No	Yes	No	Yes
52.3	47.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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A. Should a military career man be elected to the Presidency? . . . Poll Com.  
 B. Should RFC be abolished? . . . Poll Com.

### CHECK 2 (ONLY) OF 12 BELOW TO BE FEATURED IN LATER POLL

- ☐ Should UN be transformed into an actual world government? . . . Paul A. Lay
  - ☐ Should we pass a tax bill to raise the amount of the present budget est. . . . Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry
  - ☐ Should the government begin reducing the national debt now? . . . Carr P. Collins, Jr.
  - ☐ Should the Gossett or similar plan replace the present Pres. electoral system? . . . Hal Barnes, Jr.
  - ☐ Does Socialism pose a more serious threat than Communism? . . . Mrs. Jim Goodson
  - ☐ Should we continue the Point Four program? . . . R. D. Nequeira
  - ☐ Should all governmental police controls be ended? . . . Mrs. J. H. Wright
  - ☐ Should Dulles be nominated to replace Acheson? . . . D. W. McCord
  - ☐ Should fluorine be added to city water supplies? . . . Mrs. H. L. Hunt
  - ☐ Will France with our aid resist Communist aggression? . . . Barbara Strange
  - ☐ Should Nationalist forces be permitted and aided to invade the mainland? . . . Jerry Gilmore
  - ☐ Should U. S. resist seizure of Iranian oil reserves by Russia through a puppet government? . . . Neely G. Landrum
- The last 2 questions above ranked 3rd and 4th in the June 13 poll. The two questions below ranked 1 and 2 and thereby became questions for feature study in a later poll.*
- Should U. S. impose a naval blockade against the China coast? . . . Doak Walker  
 Should U. S. continue Marshall Plan aid to countries exporting to Red China? . . . Mrs. J. E. Wyatt

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Confer with others and mail ballot promptly—must be received by June 26.*



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**720 Merc. Sec. Bldg.**

**Dallas, Texas**

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NEWSPAPER

# FACTS FORUM BALLOT

—vote first 3 "no" or yes"

Yes No Yes

- 74 ☐ A. Should the crime of advocating the overthrow of the govt. by force & violence be a capital offense? D. Rolater 82
- 85 ☐ B. Is public indifference the greatest factor contributing to corruption in govt.? Owen W. Cotton 86
- 9 ☐ C. To end fighting, should U. S. agree to withdrawal of all troops except Koreans? Poll. Com. 20

## CHECK 2 (ONLY) OF 9 BELOW TO BE FEATURED IN STUDY AND AUG. 28 POLL

- 18 ☐ Should co-ops be taxed the same as corporations? ... Lynn Landrum, columnist 20
- 13 ☐ Should the State's claim to the tidelands be allowed? ... J. O. Eastland, Senate 19
- 8 ☐ If fighting in Korea ends, shall we reduce military expenditures? ... O. C. Fisher, Congress 7
- 11 ☐ Should income taxes be limited to 25%? ... Howard H. Buffett, Congress 9
- 11 ☐ Should we use atomic weapons against Chinese Communists if peace negotiations fail? 7
- 11 ☐ ... Overton Brooks, Congress 13
- 14 ☐ Are known Communists more dangerous to the U. S. than persons tolerant of them? 3
- 5 ☐ Should we have a 150-group Air Force? ... Lindley Beckworth, Congress 16
- 10 ☐ Should the Fed. budget be balanced even if higher taxes & elimination of some desirable govt. programs would be required? ... Tom Pickett, Congress 6
- 8 ☐ Should Gen. MacArthur have been removed from his Far East Commands? ... M. J. Corbell, Atty. 6
- 10 ☐ Should more stringent Federal narcotic laws be passed? ... Lawrence DuMars, Attorney 100%
- 10 ☐ Should nonmilitary Federal spending be reduced 25% or more? ... Jesse Jones, ex-Sec'y. of Commerce

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Study and discuss these questions—mail ballot promptly—please sign.



# RESULTS OF JULY 3 POLL

## FACTS FORUM BALLOT

VOTE THESE 3 "NO" OR "YES"

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| 92 | 8   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. Should U. S. continue Marshall Plan aid to countries exporting to Red China? | Mrs. J. E. Wyatt |
| 87 | 13  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. Should Congress adopt the proposed National Health Insurance program?        | Poll Com.        |

## CHECK 2 (ONLY) OF 9 BELOW TO BE FEATURED IN LATER POLL

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| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should a majority of the full Supreme Court be required to concur in the opinion in a case between the Federal Government and a state? ... Rep. J. Frank Wilson |
| 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should the U. S. conclude a separate peace treaty with Japan? ... Roy E. Cresswell  |
| 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should the crime of advocating overthrow of the government by force and violence be a capital offense? ... Doug Hunter  |
| 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should General MacArthur have been removed from his Far East commands? ... Martha J. Corbell  |
| 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should more stringent Federal narcotics laws be passed? ... Lawrence DuMars   |
| 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should the farm parity support prices be continued? ... Ben Belt  |
| 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is public indifference the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government? ... Owen W. Cotton   |
| 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should the government begin reducing the national debt now? ... Carr P. Collins, Jr.  |
| 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Should all governmental price controls be ended? ... Mrs. J. H. Wright  |

100% The last two questions above ranked 3rd and 4th in the June 22 poll. The two questions below ranked 1 and 2 and thereby became questions for feature study and a poll July 17.  
Should nationalist forces be permitted and aided to invade the mainland? ... Jerry Gilmore  
Should U. S. resist seizure of Iranian oil reserves by Russia through a puppet government? ... Neely G. Landrum

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail ballot promptly—discuss these subjects with your friends

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30 July 1951

112 DeMille Building  
5551 Marathon Street  
Hollywood 38, Calif.

Mr. H. L. Hunt  
700 Mercantile Bank Building  
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for sending me the off-print from the Houston newspaper telling of the organization of Facts Forum in that city. I am particularly impressed by the interest which young people are taking in Facts Forum and by your wisdom in sending a 17-year old girl out as an organizer. If this movement continues, as it has begun, to grow among young people, you may well succeed in doing what most of the other constructive forces have lamentably failed to do, namely, enlist the younger generation in a constructive effort to understand and cope with the problems of the day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Hayne".

DONALD HAYNE

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YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
Misses Templeton, Strange and Billingsley

—POST Photo by Caroline Valencia

## Joy Asks Reds To Cut Recess

**ADVANCE UN HEADQUARTERS**, Korea, July 22—(AP)—Firm Allied refusal to discuss withdrawing troops from Korea at this time caused the Chinese Reds Saturday to call a recess in the armistice talks until Wednesday.

An American briefing officer said the Allied refusal to talk of troop withdrawal at present was made with "a certain air of finality"—expressed more in an attitude than in actual words.

The Chinese, who hitherto have studiously let the North Koreans lead the Red side of the Kaesong bargaining, promptly stepped in and braked the cease-fire talks to halt until July 25.

They obviously wanted to ask Peiping what to do next.

Vice Adm C. Turner Joy, chief Allied delegate, who voiced the UN attitude, agreed with some reluctance to the Red request for the recess.

He said he felt the two sides already had a full agenda to discuss without the troop withdrawal subject, considered by the Allies a political topic.

(The admiral conferred in Tokyo Sunday with Gen Mat-  
Midway Allied supreme

Tokyo, mild in tone compared with previous Red propaganda comment, said:

("The Kaesong negotiations were recessed until July 25 because UN delegates refused to place the question of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea on the agenda, thereby necessitating both sides having more time to reconsider this problem.")

In Taipei, the pro-Nationalist China Union Press said the Red reinforcements include veteran troops belonging to the 15th Army Group command of Gen Tung Hua, one of the two Chinese Red negotiators at Kaesong.

Gen Tung and his colleague, Gen Hsieh Fang, had sat passive through the first seven sessions of the Kaesong talks. They wore drab uniforms minus any insig-

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## SOUND OFF

### Facts Forum Units Spread Over Houston

By PHYLIS GREENE

If you are a John C. Calhoun searching for a soap box or just a John Q. Public with a hankering to sound off on anything from the RFC to soil conservation, there's a young girl in town you ought to meet.

She's the 17-year-old emissary of a Dallas organization known as Facts Forum, and she'll tell you that if you want to join, you'll have to do more than sound off. You'll have to know what you're talking about.

For Facts Forum members are required, appropriately enough, to deal in pure, cold facts.

The object of the organization is to inform and enlighten the individual and the public, and this it does through polls, discussions and panels. Literature is distributed to members through

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# KOREA VANISH

## PRAYER FOR

The Rt Rev Clinton S. Quin, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, urged Saturday that all places of worship in Houston remain open in a constant prayer of vigil from 7 AM Monday until 7 AM Wednesday.

Armistice negotiations in Korea will be resumed Wednesday, and the bishop thinks Houstonians should ask God beforehand "to show us how we can stop this killing of men."

## FORUM

Continued From Page 1

the group's own circulating library.

**FACTS FORUM** was launched last June 5 at the suggestion of Lecturer Paul Parker. In its six weeks of development, 27 units of 42 people each have cropped up in Dallas, and there are Forum groups in Omaha, Beeville and Vandalia, Ill.

Now the movement has reached Houston, and inside of a week, one complete unit has been formed here and the nuclei of several others.

The young emissary and organizer of the Houston Facts Forum is Miss Barbara Strange, a graduate of Adamson High School in Dallas, who is an employee of the sturdily backed Facts Forum central office.

It is not surprising that so young a person should hold a key position in a group steeped in sage thought and discussion of grown-up topics. The original Facts Forum unit was solely adult, but young people showed such a keen interest in the idea that the age limit was lowered, so that most of the Dallas units are composed of high school and college students.

**IN FACT**, THE initial group in this city has a nucleus of seven Lamar High School students—Sydney Billingsley, Betty Templeton, Neal Blanton, Abbe Ledbetter, Ann Spears, Judy Robey and John Brunson. Misses Billingsley and Templeton are on the Houston staff under Verne Lane, architect, who will be the Facts Forum director in this city.

Facts Forum has been commended by the FBI and the country's civic leaders. It is a non-partisan, non-profit group operating under the principle that "What you know or believe is public opinion."

"Apathy toward public affairs," the FF literature reads, "is the cause of today's political ills."

THE HOUSTON POST

## 12-Mile Wind Keeps Mercury in Low 90s

# Adult Education On Group Basis

By WILLIAM B. RUGGLES

THE LATE HARRY HOPKINS was once quoted to the effect that the American people are too dumb to understand. His remark was really directed against newspaper criticism of a boondoggling project under his direction. The implied criticism of our wide lack of comprehension of public affairs is justified, though not on the basis of intelligence. It is rather our lack of information. In intelligence, the American public rates higher than most, nor is its lack of basic knowledge on which to use its intelligence entirely its own fault. Ours is a large country. No newspaper can present to its public all the information on public affairs that is necessary for an apt grasp of them. The demands of making a living on the standard of which we take national pride work, too, against the time needed for the average person to become well informed.

A POLITICAL PUBLIC FORUM is entirely lacking. Our closest approach to it is a party precinct meeting. But this is held as an immediate aftermath of a primary already held. Even if enough of us attended a precinct convention to make it a panel discussion, the time element is too close to make it remunerative.

County and state conventions are largely machine run, a few key figures monopolize the floor and there is more vituperation than discussion.

How long would his secret service escort let you last if, as a citizen you attempted to interrogate the President of the United States when, as another private citizen really, he is asking for votes from the rostrum?

THE TOWN MEETING was such a political forum in its heyday. It still exists in a few scattered localities but its townships grew into top-heavy municipalities and limited its efficiency. In the New England town meeting, national affairs as well as local were thoroughly aired. Daniel Webster was a familiar figure, not a shadow on the horizon, to men who could gather to hear him express his views. Those who did not agree were there to challenge him. Now a voice comes over the microphone and has its say, uttering dogmatism as if it were gospel. Who is there to say it nay at the moment?

THE TOWN MEETING PLAN can be revived in the opinion of at least one interested American who has carried an idea into embodiment in the organization that carries the unusual title of Facts Forum, Inc. Perhaps you have received some of its literature through the mails. Perhaps you figured it just another political racket, or book mart, or pressure group, or waste of time and after your money, and tossed the envelope and contents aside. Actually it is none of these things.

Facts Forum, Inc., is the brain child of a man who has confidence that the American people will think through with intelligence and decision anything that we understand. The plan is to supply the information through individual interest in group discussion of all of the elements of a given question.

It might be taxes, tariff, socialized medicine, old-age security, war policy, whether MacArthur ought to have been fired, whether Dean Acheson should be Secretary of State. No effort is involved to force a decision pro or con. The idea is to get the question discussed under the leadership of people who already understand it and who think vigorously in regard to it, pro or con.

The group will ask its own questions, make up its own mind. In other words information comes down to the ground roots and gets itself absorbed there.

THE ESSENTIAL IDEA is that thousands of small groups can be organized the country over, preferably in units of from forty to fifty, so that everybody can join in the discussion. The national executive board's job is to ascertain what questions command the greatest public interest and to get these down to the local groups for study and discussion.

Politics is ruled out. Not political discussion, but political use. "No unit of Facts Forum shall endorse any candidate for any public office, participate in any political campaign, nor engage in any lobbying activities, local, state or national." Individual members must pledge themselves not to appropriate the name or to use the prestige of the forum in any of these activities.

You see, this thing was conceived of as educational on the theory that as we know, so will we act.

ADULT EDUCATION on a voluntary group scale is what the Facts Forum amounts to in reality. Thus the primary unit is a neighborhood study group of forty-two, choosing its own board of directors to name officers and conduct the necessary business of the group.

A deputy system has been provided to set up higher echelons of forums, (county, district, state and finally national). These latter are intended as co-ordinating and compelling groups rather than for discussion which settles logically at the neighborhood level.

Twenty such groups are already functioning in Dallas and the interest has apparently been sustained.

Facts Forum, Inc., happens to be Dallas-born and has gotten its start because one wealthy man is convinced that he can render no greater public service than in stimulating American thinking. Eventually voluntary subscription will be relied upon to carry on the work. While no expense need attach to actual local group meeting, the assembly and distribution of necessary study material and vote compilations, as an expression of opinion will require financial support. The group idea has already taken hold and has spread beyond Texas. It is drawing newspaper attention in many parts of the country.

Robert Dedman, a Dallas lawyer, is present president of Facts Forum, which can be addressed by interested groups at 720 Mercantile Securities Building, Dallas, Texas.

## THE HOUSTON POST

Saturday, July 28, 1951

CITY LIGHTS—Gilbert Hal-den, Ray Sauer, Virginia Williams and Joyce Schnell will be heard on the Facts Forum program at 10:45 PM Wednesday on KPRC. They and Bob Osborn, John Zelle and Carrie Wood have formed the nucleus of a new Facts Forum unit. "Should Non-Military Spending Be Reduced 25 Per Cent or More?" is the question under discussion. . . . Tony Guerrero is the youngest staff member of the Rusk-Saint Charles day camp.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor  
Bee-Picayune

The recent issue of the Bee-Picayune with the account of the Facts Forum shows a lively and intelligent interest in civic problems. During the time spent by the writer teaching in Texas, he formed many friends. Because of this, a friendly suggestion of a topic for the Facts Forum may not be out of place.

"IN VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS, SHOULD THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES HAVE ONE AND THE SAME CANDIDATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1952?"

Powerful interests are now at work to give a popular military leader the nomination of both parties. While this would be the first step on the way to a dictatorship, for that very reason the question deserves public discussion.

Prof. H. S. Ficke  
1795 Loras Boulevard  
University of Dubuque  
Dubuque, Iowa

JULY 26, 1951

## Public Indifference To The Times Herald:

There are those who contend that public indifference is the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government. The writer believes that they are partly right and much wrong.

Public indifference may, and does, encourage the malicious manipulations of the vain, greedy and unprincipled individuals who constantly seek for wealth, place and power, but this indifference is not the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government. There are some men in our government in whom rottenness works as an instinct.

The corruption lies, when you get right down to it, with the people running—ruining the government.

The true gentleman, the Christian, in government has a keen sense of honor—scrupulously avoiding mean actions at all times. In fact, public indifference, or no public indifference, his law is rectitude—action in right lines.

He will not be bribed, only the low-minded and unprincipled sell themselves and their country to those interested in buying.

MAUD B. ULM.  
214 E. Fifth, Dallas.

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Facts Forum debates (should cattle and beef control prices be abandoned?) On Joyce Forum, WFAA-TV, Thursday, July 26, 9 p.m.

## WASH TUBBS

Facts Forum Debates on Television "ARE HIGH TAXES INFLATIONARY?" Channel 8, WFAA-TV, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.

SAFE?—WITH SMILIN' JACK AND TEEMBER. YOU AND YOUR STUPEED ROMANCEENG AND YOU, TOO, ARE GOING.

## SMILIN' JACK

"Should Cattle and Beef Control Prices Be Abandoned?" ON JUNIOR CHAMBER FORUM, STATION WFAA 870, THURSDAY, JULY 26, 9 p.m.

DUNNO? THAT'S AS GOOD WE'LL HAVE THE LAB GET RIGHT TO WORK ON TUFF. MEANWHILE, AT A PRIVATE

## DICK TRACA

GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY "YES.".. FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN DALLAS

Then, we can offer him Yes, we can't have the new dishwasher But Pop has And right All he lacks is a boost. And

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MR. H. L. HUNT  
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YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST NINE, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, AND ENCLOSURES REGARDING FACTS FORUM, RECEIVED IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. HOOVER FROM WASHINGTON AND I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF ACKNOWLEDGING THEM. YOUR REQUEST WILL, OF COURSE, BE CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION ON HIS RETURN.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HELEN W. GARDY  
SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CC: DALLAS

NOTE: Recently the Dallas Office submitted background information concerning Facts Forum which apparently is financed by H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. The organization was organized during the summer, 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate Facts Forum.

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It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951, captioned "Facts Forum" [REDACTED] that we not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way.

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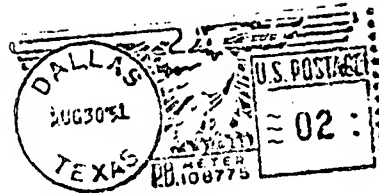
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**MOTTO** for the following month's use. August award won by D. T. Branch, Overton, Texas, with "Think and be—American." Next award of \$64.00 closes August 20 and thereafter each month four days prior to start of second poll. Only one motto will be accepted from each person and it remains in competition unless it wins or is withdrawn for substitution.

**LETTERS TO EDITOR** debating either side of any questions in Facts Forum poll. Each two weeks \$50.00 for the best letter, \$40.00 second, \$30.00 third, \$20.00 fourth. Send a clipping of your published letters showing date, name of the publication and Facts Forum question debated.

**SPECIAL ARTICLES, NEWS STORIES, COLUMNS, EDITORIALS**, etc., about Facts Forum or debating either side of any Facts Forum poll question. Each two weeks \$50.00 first, \$40.00 second, \$30.00 third, \$20.00 fourth. Send clipping of published article showing date, name of publication and Facts Forum question debated.

**PROSPECTUS**—3,000 to 10,000 words explaining the Facts Forum plan, purpose and importance to the individual in a manner to encourage participation. Will probably replace both pamphlets "Facts Forum Plan" and

"A Prospect Asks Why Participate" and other outlines of Facts Forum objectives. The prospectus should appeal to all kinds of people—those who will crusade, those who will be serious, those who will enjoy themselves and those who will simply amuse themselves, all in the campaign to preserve freedom. Submittals will remain sealed until the contest closes October 20, 1951. \$1,000.00 first, \$250.00 second, \$50.00 each for next 10 best.

**ENROLLER** securing most new applicants who became members of FF each two weeks. \$125.00 first, \$100.00 second, \$75.00 third, \$50.00 fourth, \$25.00 for any other person enlisting 42 or more. Send petition signed by applicants or a certification of names of your applicants by the Executive Boards of the Forums they join.

**SONG OF FACTS FORUM** to stimulate interest and crystallize fervor. May be words set to old tunes or preferably new music. Supply Facts Forum your draft or description of song and get use of song started. Judging will be made of most popular Facts Forum songs December 20 each year. \$256.00 first, \$128.00 second, \$64.00 third, \$32.00 fourth.

**POEM OF FACTS FORUM** to stimulate interest and crystallize fervor. Send draft to Facts Forum. Publicize and promote use of

poem. Judging will be made of most popular Facts Forum poems October 1 and March 1 of each year. \$64.00 first, \$32.00 second.

**CRUSADER'S PLEDGE** for Participants who dedicate themselves in the battle to preserve freedom. Supply Facts Forum with a draft of your pledge and promote its use by the public. Most popular December 21, 1951, \$220.00.

**PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE** for those who wish to make awareness of public affairs a part of their recreation. Supply Facts Forum with a draft of your pledge and promote its use by the public. Most popular December 20, 1951, \$220.00.

**HANDY NAME** to be a shorter name or nickname for "Participant," such as "Factor." Notify Facts Forum of your suggestion and press its use. Most popular name in use December 20, 1951, \$100.00.

**RADIO SCRIPT**—Any part of radio program which was devoted to Facts Forum or debating either side of any Facts Forum poll question. Each two weeks, \$64.00 first, \$32.00 second. Send in recording or transcript.

**TELEVISION SCRIPT**—Any part of television program which was devoted to Facts

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Forum or debating either side of any Facts Forum poll question. Each two weeks, \$64.00 first, \$32.00 second. Send in recording or transcript.

**SPEECHES**—Any part of any speech which was devoted to Facts Forum or debating either side of any Facts Forum poll question. Each two weeks, \$64.00 first, \$32.00 second. Send in recording or transcript.

**BIGGEST MEETING** held by a single Forum. Each two weeks. \$100.00 to Forum. Send in certification of attendance.

**BEST MEETING** of one or more Forums. Each two weeks. \$100.00 to Forums involved. Send in recordings.

**THE MOST VALUABLE PARTICIPANT** for the year will be voted a plaque in appreciation and recognition of outstanding service rendered in the cause of the preservation of freedom.

**MEETING PROGRAMS** contest closes August 22, 1951. Fourteen awards are offered for the best papers on plans for meet-

ings. First \$200.00, second \$150.00, third \$100.00, fourth \$75.00, next ten \$38.00 each. Each paper must describe a complete plan for a meeting of one or more Forums, an audience of a stated size and for a certain age group, setting up procedures such as panels, debates, speeches, book reviews, contests, games, acts, skits, movie shorts, playing wire or tape recordings, etc.

Facts Forum needs your ideas, ingenuity and thinking. If you do not care for the monetary award, donate your winnings to your favorite charity.

"Each two weeks" above referred to is a two-week period ending four days prior to each poll.

Open to Public—Participants are requested to explain the contests to their friends.

Material submitted will not be returned but will become the property of Facts Forum for its use in whole or in part.

Decision of the Facts Forum Awards Committee will be final. If you need further particulars write us, or phone PProspect 5676.

*Send or bring your offerings for awards to:*

FACTS FORUM AWARDS COMMITTEE  
720 Mercantile Securities Building  
Dallas, Texas

*Vote and get your friends to vote all Post Card and Newspaper Ballots—help dispel apathy.*

# FACTS FORUM AWARDS\*

230 Cash Awards  
from  
\$20.00  
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**FACTS FORUM**

**720 Merc. Sec. Bldg.**

**Dallas, Texas**

# RESULTS OF AUGUST 14 POLL

## FACTS FORUM—vote first 3 "no" or "yes"

- Yes No Yes
- 95 ☐ ☐ Should more stringent Federal narcotic laws be passed? ... Lawrence DuMars, Atty.
- 88 ☐ ☐ Should nonmilitary Federal spending be reduced 25% or more? Jesse Jones, ex-Secy. of Com.
- 39 ☐ ☐ Should Congressional immunity from libel be abolished? ... Poll Com.
- Check 2 (only) of 8 below to be featured in study in Sept. 11 poll.
- 6 ☐ ☐ Should the Fed. Old Age and Survivors Insurance program be broadened? ... Herbert Lehman, Sen.
- 26 ☐ ☐ Should expenditures by govt. depts. to influence public opinion be made illegal? Ken Reagan, Cong.
- 8 ☐ ☐ Can price controls be properly enforced without rationing? ... Ed Wimmer, Nat. Fed. of Ind. Business
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- 100% ☐ ☐ Should co-ops be taxed the same as corporations? ... Lynn Landrum, columnist
- ☐ ☐ Should the State's claim to the tidelands be allowed? ... J. O. Eastland, Sen.
- ☐ I am a Participant. ☐ I do not now wish to join.
- ☐ Please accept my application for membership without cost to me.

A friend in signing second line applies to join Facts Forum.

Street

City

☐ I, or we, in signing below apply to join Facts Forum without cost.

- Yes Aug. 28 **FACTS FORUM** Closes Sept. 5—date of poll in future will be closing date.
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- ☐ ☐ I am a Participant.
- ☐ ☐ Please accept my application to join without cost to me.
- ☐ ☐ I am not and do not wish to join at this time.



1ST - \$50

The Dallas Morning News

### Greater Menace

In a recent Facts Forum poll, Senator Byrd asks the question: "Are known Communists more dangerous to the United States than persons tolerant of them?" The right answer to that question is an emphatic no. Our greatest national menace is not Communists in the open, even though they be advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence, because the Federal Bureau of Investigation has that class spotted and will at the right moment properly dispose of them. The greatest menace to this country are the Pinks and Reds working under cover and law-abiding citizens, some of them in high places, who are tolerant of Communists and Communism.

RANALD McDONALD.  
Hillsboro, Texas.

3RD - \$30

The Dallas Morning News

### Immunity in Congress

The current Facts Forum poll raises the question of whether congressional immunity to libel should be abolished. Surely there can be no better argument in favor of doing away with this much-abused privilege than that presented by Sen. Joe McCarthy's recent attack on twenty-six State Department employees, among them Ambassador Philip Jessup, from the floor of the Senate. Senator McCarthy's abuse of the privilege would argue for withdrawing it. He has consistently hidden behind the shield of congressional immunity while perpetrating some of the most insidious name-calling in our country's history. A congressman without responsibility should not be a congressman with immunity.

FRANK REDDING.  
3836 Shorecrest Drive, Dallas.

LTH - \$20

The Dallas Morning News

### Another Dark Age?

I was one of those to vote "No" to the Facts Forum ballot question, "Should there be capital punishment for those who advocate overthrow of our government?" I was appalled to see in your excellent editorial yesterday that 75 per cent of those voting voted "Yes."

To advocate is not to overthrow. To liquidate those who disagree with us is too reminiscent of totalitarianism or the Dark Ages, where heresy is and was punished by death. Let us reserve capital punishment for proved traitors. For the rest, step up propaganda for truth and improve our educational system. I would make Karl Marx required reading in all our colleges, under instructors competent to show the basic fallacies in his "dialectical materialism."

Thomas Jefferson said, "Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it." Error of opinion is rampant today. But where is reason?

Not all Communists are criminals. Many of them are mistaken idealists whose powers, if used on the side of enlightened capitalism, would immeasurably strengthen our cause.

MURIEL V. PINKUS.  
3131 Rosedale, Dallas.

2ND - \$40

The Galveston News.

### FACTS FORUM

To The Editor:

For the past 20 years, in private conversations, in personal letters to friends and in letters to the editors of various papers, this writer has waged an unremitting one-man warfare with communism, fascism, and all other "isms" that have sought, as their objective, the destruction of our capitalistic system of individual enterprise.

During the many years I have observed a host of "organizations" arise whose avowed purpose was to combat such "isms." While all of these societies were laudworthy in that they attempted to preserve for us the time-tested system that has made of us the greatest, richest country in the world, the vast majority were too narrow, too partisan, or too hastily conceived to be of much interest to the average man.

Now there has come to my attention, in the past few weeks, a new "organization" which appears to have embodied in it all the ele-

ments necessary to achieve public interest and for complete success in combatting alien ideologies. A little more than a month old, this infant organization has safely passed the critical period of birth and is lustily growing day by day.

Born in Dallas, Texas, and named by its originators Facts Forum, this organization has for its stated objectives the arousing of public interest in national affairs and the education and enlightenment of its participant members. It combines an educational program with a debating society and a Gallup poll. It is nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and is supported by voluntary contributions and no dues or assessments are ever levied upon its participant members.

I am taking the liberty of bringing this new organization to the attention of readers of, and writers to, this column, who, like myself, have been waging an individual fight against totalitarian ideologies, because I firmly believe that, in Facts Forum we may find, at long last, the much-needed medium for the coordination of our personal efforts and can thereby present a solid, united front in our battle

with those who seek to impose a totalitarian "ism" upon our Americanism.

WARREN H. FIELD SR.  
Rte. 1, Box 376,  
Texas City, Texas.

MEETING PROGRAM AWARDS were made as follow.

First Prize: Mrs. Nelle Lane, 3114 Albans Road, Houston - \$200.00.  
Second Prize: Mr. Joe A. Stalcup, 607 West Neely, Dallas - \$150.00.  
Third Prize: Miss Mary McWilliams, 3613 Harvard, Dallas - \$100.00.  
Fourth Prize: Miss Ola Ruth McWilliams, 3613 Harvard, Dallas - \$75.00.  
The next ten winners received \$38.00 each:

Delmore L. Cobb, Jr., 3318 Bryn Mawr;  
Paul H. Ashenhurst, 1931 Ramsey;  
F. M. Keith, Route 7, Box 517A, Dallas;  
Mrs. Maisie Turner Waters, 2818 Routh;  
H. R. Pearson, Dallas Power & Light Co.;  
Mrs. Will C. Jones, Jr. 4221 Livingston;  
Donald F. Cassidy, 7603 Red Bud Drive;  
Mrs. Dale Ann Pitt, Atlantic Bldg.;  
Allen Maxwell, 6610 Northwood;  
Robert L. Bartlett, 2203 Mesa Road,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Because of space requirement, none of these papers are reproduced in this sheet. These drafts of Plans for Meeting Programs will be circulated from one Forum President to another Forum President with the understanding that no Forum will keep any paper for more than 7 days.

## Facts Forum Unit Formed Thursday At Rudeloff Home

A new unit of Fact Forum was formed at a meeting held Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rudeloff at 710 South St. Mary's street. O. D. Rudeloff was elected president, George Spikes was chosen secretary, and Mrs. Richard Rudeloff was named treasurer.

There will be a meeting of this unit next Tuesday, August 14, at the home of O. D. Rudeloff at 801 South St. Mary's street, it was announced this morning by Mrs. John Rossi, a Forum organizer. George Spikes will discuss the question, Should Non-Military Spending Be Reduced by 25 Per Cent or More? Richard Rudeloff will present the question, Should More Stringent Federal Narcotic Laws Be Enacted? Anyone residing in the neighborhood is invited to the meeting, Mrs. Rossi stated.

Tonight (Thursday) there will be an organizational meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Young at 408 North Polk street. Also tonight there will be the second meeting of a Facts Forum unit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty at 502 East Stiner street. Invitations to all interested persons residing in those communities to attend these meetings have been issued.

No Awards were granted for ENROLLERS, RADIO SCRIPT, TELEVISION SCRIPT, SPEECHES, BEST MEETING, BIGGEST MEETING because there were no entries submitted in the contests. Entries in all contests will be appreciated.

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# FIND THE FACTS, AND YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER.

1ST AWARD

WILLIAM B. RUGGLES

The Dallas Morning News

3RD AWARD

EVERETT COLLIER

Houston Chronicle

2ND AWARD

FRANK CHAPPELL

4-1 THE DAILY TIMES HERALD, DALLAS AUG. 19, 1951

## Facts Forum Awards Will Exceed \$30,000

Facts Forum, nationwide organization formed in Dallas to stimulate knowledge of public affairs, will foster wide interest in its work through sizable cash awards totaling more than \$30,000 annually, Dan Smoot, co-ordinator, announced Friday.

The awards will be made for wide variety of activities, including letters to newspapers, newspaper articles and editorials, mailing of new Facts Forum members, songs and poems about the organization, radio and television scripts, speeches and program planning.

In addition to the regular weekly, monthly, semiannual and annual awards totaling \$30,200, special awards in the amount of \$3,195 are offered for the remainder of 1951, topped by award of \$1,000 for the best 3,000 to 10,000-word pamphlet explaining the Facts Forum plan, purpose and importance.

"Facts Forum needs ideas, genuinity and thinking," Mr. Smoot said in calling for a big field of entrants in the various awards. The contests are open to the general public as well as to Facts Forum members, he said.

The lengthy prospectus will be used to replace present organizational pamphlets, the co-ordinator said. First prize will be \$1,000, second \$250 and \$50 each for the next 10 best. The contest closes Oct. 29.

Other special awards include a "participator's pledge" for "participators who dedicate themselves in the battle to preserve freedom," a "handy name" for the best participant's pledge. Each will pay \$200. The sum of \$1,000 will be paid for a "handy name" to designate participants in Facts Forum.

Fourteen awards are offered for the best papers on plans for Facts Forum meetings, ranging from \$25 to \$250, with a deadline Aug. 22.

The best motto each month will bring its author \$64. Semiannual awards of \$64 and \$32 will be made for poems relating to the organization and its work. Annual awards ranging from \$32 to \$250 will be made for the best song about Facts Forum.

Biweekly awards will be made for letters to newspapers, \$20 to \$50; special articles, news stories, columns and editorials, \$20 to \$40; enrolling most new members, \$25 to \$125; radio program, \$32 to \$64; television program, \$32 to \$64; speeches, \$32 to \$64; best meeting held by a Facts Forum chapter, \$100; best meeting, \$100.

The most valuable participant for the year will receive a plaque.

## The Penalty Is Death?

If there is anything to the sampling theory, a fair-sized proportion of modern Americans regard death as none too light a penalty for anyone arguing for the overthrow of our government by force. At least the Facts Forum people come up with better than 75 per cent of a sample group approving a death penalty for the particular crime.

The trouble with this sort of thing is that it is usually reasoned from a given set of facts. There can be little question that the voters have Communism in mind. Communists preach overthrow of government by force. Yet Communism seldom does overthrow government by force. It wins by infiltration. Suppose then we suddenly find ourselves under a Communist government and we know the only way we can rid ourselves of it is by force. What then? (The reasoning is academic in a way. The Communists would give us the death penalty.)

But circumstances can be conceived under which the integrity of the ballot box can be almost completely destroyed. Louisiana had that a while back. Had the Huey Long empire been extended to national overage, force would have been about the only democratic recourse.

The crime with which the Forum ballots concerned themselves is treason, but it is not exactly compatible with the definition of treason in the Constitution. Our wise forefathers were rather finicky about that definition. You see, they were all traitors themselves. They had not only suggested overthrowing the government by force. They had succeeded in doing it. They had had the halter about their own necks. They could not quite stomach noosing it about the other fellow's.

4TH AWARD

FRANK X. TOLBERT

The Dallas Morning News

## Facts Forum Organization Offers 230 Cash Awards

More than 230 cash awards, ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, were offered Friday by Facts Forum, a nonpartisan Dallas organization dedicated to fighting public apathy on national questions.

The awards will be given for everything from speeches about Facts Forum to poems, songs, pledges. The contests are open to anyone.

Dan Smoot, former FBI agent who is co-ordinator of the forum, said D. T. Branch of Overton, Texas, won an August award for a forum slogan.

About 8,000 persons over the country are questioned in the forum's twice-a-month polls on national problems.

Smoot listed the cash awards like this:

For best letters to newspapers debating either side of any questions in Facts Forum polls, four awards, \$50 to \$20 each.

For special articles, news stories, columns, editorials about Facts Forum questions, four awards \$50 to \$20.

For an outline of Facts Forum objects, 3,000 to 10,000 words, \$1,000 first prize, \$250 second, \$50

## Facts Forum Announces Prizes for Thinking

Just think.

That's what Facts Forum, the new type public opinion poll and forum started in Texas, is trying to get Americans to do.

Already novel in its method of getting Americans to think and then polling their thoughts, Facts Forum Saturday announced another new wrinkle.

It's going to pay people to think.

List of Prizes

Facts Forum announced a long list of prizes for which the public can compete—but you've got to do some thinking about the main issues of the day to win any of them.

The organization, headquartered in Dallas, is backed by prominent Texans and has on its executive committee such persons as Don Walker, former S. M. U. football star and Mrs. H. L. Hunt, wife of the wealthy Dallas oilman.

Its primary objective, according to the sponsors, is to get Americans to shed their apathy and start discussing the issues of the day. In this way, they will inform themselves of what's going on.

On Right Track

An enlightened public can be trusted to keep the nation on the right track, the sponsors said.

The organization gets prominent people to propose questions for discussions. Local units (there are five so far in Houston) then discuss the questions at forum meetings.

The members of the units then vote on which questions they

want polled. A poll is taken every two weeks among members and any of the public interested.

Best Letters

Here are the prizes being offered:

For a motto each month, \$64; for the best letters to editor each two weeks on Facts Forum questions, \$50 first, \$40 second; \$30 third, \$20 fourth; for the best article, news story, editorial or column on Facts Forum each two weeks, same prizes as letters; for the best prospectus explaining Facts Forum in 3,000 to 10,000 words, submitted before October 20, prizes of \$1,000 first, \$250 second and \$50 for the next 10.

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For the best song about Facts Forum, \$256 first, \$128 second, \$64 third, \$32 fourth; for the best poem, \$64 first and \$32 second; for the best participant's pledge for arousing awareness of public affairs, \$220.

Short Nickname

For the best short nickname for "participator," \$100. The same for the biggest meeting and for the best meeting.

Awards of \$64 first and \$32 second each two weeks for best radio script, television scripts and speeches. For the best papers on plans for meeting programs, \$200 first, \$150 second, \$100 third, \$75 fourth, \$50 fifth and \$25 each for the next 10.

All are to be sent to Facts Forum, 720 Mercantile Securities Building, Dallas.

## RESULTS of Facts Forum Ballot

FACTS FORUM, 720 MER. SEC. BLDG.

YES

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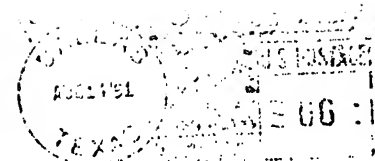
The above percentages reflect public interest in the past ballot. How did you vote? How does your opinion compare with that of other Americans? Make your will and interest known. The questions published in Facts Forum Polls are submitted by lawmakers and other public figures. THEY DESIRE YOUR OPINION. The results of the polls are forwarded to them. Vote in the future Facts Forum Ballots, file them away, and refer to them after the results have been published to see how your opinion follows that of national opinion and policy.

H. L. HUNT  
700 MERCANTILE BANK BLDG.  
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

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## The People's Forum

"Your voice is as loud as ours."

### Twin Evils

To The Times Herald:

Socialism is most certain comparable in effect to communism and both are definite dangers to freedom in our country. Both systems of government create "big" government, all powerful centralized government which must destroy freedom of the individual to exist. Both adhere to a policy of leveling of the incomes of the members of the society they govern and of confiscation of property in the name of the state.

The main difference in the two forms of government are in the way they are accepted by the people. Communism is generally forced upon a people by revolution, whereas socialism is a creeping thing that begins with Social Security benefits, subsidies and controls over part of the economy. It is for this reason that many people in our country fear that socialism is more dangerous to our freedom today than communism.

The present administration is doing everything in its power to force socialistic measures on our people and although the movement has been gradual it is the hope and intent of the present party leaders in control to accelerate the pace by disguising the socialistic measures as defense measures.

Americans who believe in freedom must be alert to this danger or it will suddenly be too late. We must fight against extension of the welfare state influence, and not be confused by propaganda designed to deceive us into believing that we must give up our freedom "temporarily" in this deliberately created "emergency."

J. McCARTHY.

1348 Highland Rd., Dallas.

### IN FACTS FORUM CO

## New Lone Slogan Is

D. T. (Tip) Branch of New London, district clerk for Humble Oil and Refining Company's gas plants in East Texas, is still somewhat amazed. He had no idea he could write such high-priced stuff.

Recently he wrote four words and submitted them to a motto contest in Dallas. His motto, judged the best entered, won a cash award of \$64—or \$16 per word.

"Think and Be American" was the winning entry.

Facts Forum is "a loose-knit organization to encourage people to become more enlightened, informed and aware on national affairs."

Principal objective of Facts Forum is the creation of discussion groups to hold meetings at which members become enlightened, through the interchange of ideas, on topics of importance to all Americans.

Mr. Branch, although not a member of one of the groups, is co-See SLOGAN, Page 8

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vinced that the principle involved is praiseworthy. He entered the motto contest after receiving literature distributed by Facts Forum.

Adherents of the organization are hopeful that the basic idea will take hold and result in formation of discussion groups in all parts of the country.

### Informed Voters Needed

To The Times Herald:

I read with approval of the Dallas County poll tax committee's drive to increase the sale of the poll tax in Dallas County to 250,000.

I think it should be pointed out, however, that it is useless to vote unless the voter informs and enlightens himself about the candidates, what they stand for and the issues involved. Certainly blind voting can prove disastrous.

It is true that public indifference is a great factor contributing to the corruption prevalent in our government today, but those buying the poll tax and utilizing their voting prerogative have the duty of informing themselves. If they do not, they are misusing the privilege of governing themselves and can lose their personal freedoms under our ever-increasing socialist government.

Special attention and credit is deserved of those organizations whose purpose it is to educate the public and awaken in them a political awareness. Let's have more voters, but thinking, informed voters.

MRS. L. B. SANDS.

Dallas.

## We Need Fanaticism

### Americans Must Match Reds' Zeal

By J. EDGAR HOOVER  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Written for NEA Service

Washington, Aug. 8.—The man, taut with emotion, pounded the table. He was emphatic: every word he spoke rang crystal clear. His Communist comrades listened carefully.

"We've got to have professional revolutionists—people who are going to live and die with the party. That's what we need—people who sleep, dream, eat with it, everything. Nothing but the party, party, party."

He kept right on. Comrades aren't interested enough in Marxism-Leninism! Everybody must work harder and harder! The party is supreme—never must there be a let-up in party work.

Horribly Obvious.

"The party—nothing but the party—sleep, dream, eat with it, everything."

This is Communist fanaticism—the fanaticism which encourages the Communist to stand long hours on windy, rain-swept street corners, handing out propaganda leaflets, or to betray vital secrets to an enemy espionage agent. Here is the driving power of Marxism-Leninism: an important reason why Communism is today America's mortal enemy. The Communist speaker left no doubt in the minds of his listeners—the Communist Party must be the object of complete devotion.

Too frequently, in discussing Communism, we overlook the mentality of the devout Communist member. To him, Communism is not an organization, a club, an entertainment, or a fun fest. Not at all. Communism is a way of life, engulfing his entire personality.

All by Party.

Everything he does, where he goes in the evening, whom he marries, what he reads, what he thinks (or doesn't think), is determined by the party. He is imprisoned, from morning to night, in an iron crib of ideology—he exists, not as a human being, but only in relation to the party.

Hence, the party is supreme. Any person, organization or nation which opposes even in the slightest degree, the party line must be resisted, attacked and, if possible, completely liquidated. Differences of opinion must be crushed; opposition cannot be tolerated. There is only one

### Public Indifference

To The Times Herald:

There are those who contend that public indifference is the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government. The writer believes that they are partly right and much wrong.

Public indifference may, and does, encourage the malicious manipulations of the vain, greedy and unprincipled individuals who constantly seek for wealth, place and power, but this indifference is not the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government. There are some men in our government in whom rottenness works as an instinct.

The corruption lies, when you get right down to it, with the people running—ruining the government.

The true gentleman, the Christian, in government has a keen sense of honor—scrupulously avoiding mean actions at all times. In fact, public indifference, or no public indifference, his law is rectitude—action in right lines.

He will not be bribed, only the low-minded and unprincipled sell themselves and their country to those interested in buying.

MAUD B. ULM.

214 E. Fifth, Dallas.

truth—the Communist truth. And the devout Communist will fight, fair or foul, to promote that truth. To relax, even for a moment, is betrayal.

The Communist mentality represents a dread danger to the American way of life. The Communist Party, U. S. A., small in size, but fantastically fanatic, can exert influence completely out of proportion to its numbers.

By unwavering loyalty, blind obedience, the Communists sweep away any opponent who falters, hesitates, or is uncertain. Time after time the Communist juggernaut, propelled by fiendish devotion, breaks through the democratic defenses.

We Need to Know.

Every patriotic American, at this critical period in our nation's history, must understand the Communist mental outlook.

To defeat this enemy, every citizen must take democratic government seriously—as seriously, in fact, as the Communist does his ideology. We must, to paraphrase the Communist speaker, eat, sleep, and dream Americanism.

The defense of our way of life is not a one-day-a-week proposition, or to be relegated to a spare-time activity. Absolutely not. Freedom is a full-time occupation, requiring our interest, attention and talents every minute of the day. To be half-hearted will enable the enemy to gain a beachhead of strength.

Reds Work at Job.

The Communist will spend hours attempting to peddle Communist literature. Will you, as a citizen, take 10 minutes of your time to report a violation of the law which has come to your attention?

Will you take an evening to acquaint yourself with the needs of your local law enforcement agency? Have you volunteered your services to help in a boys' club program or a juvenile recreational project? These are the questions! Upon the answers rests democracy's defense against the Red Fascist foe.

Time is vital. Communist fanaticism can be matched by American zeal. The Communists are willing to fight for their cause. Are we?

Certainly. The spirit of democracy is the nation's most effective offensive weapon. Take hold—do your share. Let's keep the flag of freedom flying high.

## The People's Forum

"Your voice is as loud as ours."

### Big Government Threat

To The Times Herald:

It is not true that socialism is quite different from communism, that socialist dictators are such nice people, so democratic. If you've read "1984" and find it incredible, you'd better start reading the signs of the times.

In Britain, the accidental survivors of World War II have been very busy copying the mistakes that made that war inevitable. The strongest government is the most criminal government, always and everywhere. Two world wars started in Germany, where Bismarck's social security program got going in the 1880's. Look at Soviet Russia's record if you can bear to! Look to Scandinavia, the Low Countries, Canada, the United States, for long records of peace and nonaggression.

It is not true that the profit motive is the root of all evil. Mexico has just as many natural resources as the United States, but unfortunately, Benito Juarez would have felt at home in the company of any of today's so-called liberals. Juarez sponsored a "liberalism" that has kept Mexico weak to the present day. Our own history amply proves that production and profit are the same thing. There was famine in Continental Europe as late as 1816, and again in Soviet Russia, as recently as 1930. This country has never had a famine since it became a nation, but a few more collectivist monkey wrenches in the machinery may very well bring our production down to famine level.

We have everything to lose by floundering further into collectivism, call it what you will. Socialism and communism are essentially the same, just as carbolic acid continues to be the same even if you call it buttermilk.

HELEN SUE GAIN

Jacksonville, Tex.

## Three New Facts Forum Chapters To Be Formed This Week

Three additional chapters of Facts Forum will be organized in Beeville within the next seven days. Mrs. John Rossi, one of the leaders of the non-partisan educational movements in Beeville, announced this morning.

Facts Forum No. 4 will be formed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rudeloff, 710 South St. Mary's street, at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) night.

The fifth chapter for Beeville will be organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramirez, Jr., 1012 East Corpus Christi street, Monday, August 6, at 7:30 p. m.

The initial meeting of Facts Forum No. 6 will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, 408 North Polk street, next Thursday, August 9, at 7:30 p. m.

The first Beeville chapter was formed if the Hall's Acres neighborhood, the second is composed of members of the Rosetta Club and their friends, and the third was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Atkins last Thursday night.

The second meeting of Forum No. 3 will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty, 504 East Steiner street, next Thursday night, August 9. Subjects to be discussed will be: Should more stringent federal narcotics laws be passed? and Should non-military spending be reduced 25 per cent or more?

Mrs. Rossi said that anyone who lives in the neighborhoods of the three chapters that are to be formed during the coming week are invited to attend the meetings.



# Fact Forum Poll Participants Vote Against Withdrawing From Korea

Participants in Fact Forum's first August poll voted heavily against withdrawal of American troops from Korea, Dan Smoot, Facts Forum co-ordinator, reported Saturday.

The poll also indicated that participants were strongly in favor of capital punishment for the crime of advocating the overthrow of government by force, and also showed a strong belief that public indifference is the greatest contributing factor to corruption in government, Mr. Smoot reported.

Poll questions and percentage of "Yes" replies are as follows:

1. Should the crime of advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence be a capital offense? 74 per cent.

2. Is public indifference the greatest factor contributing to corruption in government? 85 per cent.

3. To end fighting, should the United States agree to withdrawal of all troops except Koreans? 9 per cent.

The first question was submitted by D. Rolater, the second by Owen W. Cotton and the third by the Forum's poll committee.

At the same time the poll participants favored as questions for the Aug. 28 Facts Forum poll two issues:

1. Should co-ops be taxed the same as corporations?

2. Should the state's claim to the tidelands be allowed?

The first question was submitted by Lynn Landrum and the second by J. O. Eastland.

The two were selected from a list of nine potential questions submitted by interested individuals. The selection was made by vote of poll participants.

In analyzing results of the first August poll, Mr. Smoot declared "it looks as though the public needs more information on these issues. In my opinion they voted wrong on every question."

Of the scant 9 per cent who favored withdrawal of U. S. troops from Korea, the co-ordinator said that "such a vote no doubt stems from a hot pride in our national dignity, but should the United States be concerned primarily with face-saving?"

"Another and more important point of view is that American boys are dying and sacrificing the best years of their lives in a conflict whose purposes must seem somewhat doubtful to many of them," he said.

"If a peace is negotiated in Korea, the resources and fighting manpower of America will then be dedicated to the maintenance of that line. We will merely have won the right to spend \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 a year rehabilitating the devastated areas.

"By getting out of Korea on terms that would compel the Russians and Chinese to get out also, we would stop the 'under fire' training program which Korea is presently giving the Red Chinese army. Another urgent reason is to stop the ground fighting before it expands into World War III," Mr. Smoot said.

On the question of public indifference and its effect on government corruption, the co-ordinator said that the 85 per cent "Yes" vote indicated that the voters, although probably right, may be too sure.

"Continuous and great crime waves continue where there is no public indifference whatsoever and about which the public is thoroughly aroused. Public indifference is a very great factor contributing to national deterioration, but mistaken and maudlin sentiment may be a greater one," Mr. Smoot said.

An unreasonable and sentimental sympathy for the underdog often corrupts the judgment of large numbers of sincere people, he said.

"Unreasonable partisanship and loyalty to political parties may also be a greater factor contributing to corruption in government than public indifference."

In regard to the 74 per cent who favored capital punishment for advocating overthrow of the government by force, Mr. Smoot said "If the participants had consulted their lawyers, they would not have been so sure."

"Anyone familiar with court decisions could have pointed out that the best penalty for any crime is a penalty which can be enforced. If it is difficult to get a conviction when the sentence is only five years, it seems apparent that conviction prescribing a death penalty would be virtually impossible.

"The greatest danger to national security does not come from those who openly work to overthrow the government through force and violence. Those who covertly work in that direction and the helpers they enlist from the ranks of the uninformed are to be reckoned with," Mr. Smoot said.

Mr. Smoot also announced Saturday that D. T. Branch of New London, Tex., won the monthly \$64 award for submitting the best Facts Forum motto for the month of August.

Mr. Branch, who is a safety engineer for an oil company, submitted as his slogan: "Think and Be American."

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## Results of July 17 Poll

### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

#### HON. TOM PICKETT

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, August 1, 1951

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following results of July 17 poll of Facts Forum ballot:

Results of July 17 poll, Facts Forum ballot  
Vote these three "no" or "yes":

	No	Yes
A. Should Nationalist forces be permitted and aided to invade the mainland? (Jerry Gilmore).....	28	72
B. Should United States resist seizure of Iranian oil reserves through a puppet government? (Neely G. Landrum).....	47	53
C. Is socialism as dangerous to freedom in the United States as communism? (poll committee).....	22	78

Check two (only) of nine below to be featured in later poll:

	Percent
Should United States take retaliatory action to effect the release of correspondent William N. Oatis? (Judge T. W. Davidson).....	11
Will inflation be stopped? (Representative LINDLEY BECKWORTH).....	9
Would control of prices on wheat and steel sufficiently control all prices? (John W. Carpenter).....	9
Are high taxes dedicationary? (Senator KENNETH S. WHERRY).....	8
Should nonmilitary spending be reduced 25 percent or more? (Hon. Jesse Jones).....	16
Should all price and wage ceilings be abandoned? (Representative J. FRANK WILSON).....	11
Should the Federal budget be balanced even if higher taxes and elimination of some desirable Government programs would be required? (Representative TOM PICKETT).....	10
Should General MacArthur have been removed from his Far East commands? (Martin J. Corbell).....	13
Should more stringent Federal narcotics laws be passed? (Lawrence DuMars).....	17
Total.....	100

The last two questions above ranked third and fourth in the July 8 poll. The two questions below ranked one and two and thereby became questions for feature study and a poll July 31:

Should the crime of advocating overthrow of the Government by force and violence be a capital offense? (Douglas Rolater).  
Is public indifference the greatest factor contributing to corruption in Government? (Owen W. Cotton).

## INTEST

### don Man's Winner



D. T. BRANCH

Printed below are results of balloting, the first column opposite the questions is the returns of the Facts Forum Postcard Poll (FF); the second column is the result of the newspaper voting (NP); the figures shown opposite the first three questions are the percentage of those making a choice voting "Yes."

No	Yes	FF	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Should advocating the overthrow of the govt. by force and violence be a capital offense? D. Rolater	74%	74%	82%
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Is public indifference the greatest factor contributing to corruption in govt.? Owen W. Cotton	85%	85%	86%
<input type="checkbox"/> C. To end fighting, should U.S. agree to withdrawal of all troops except Koreans? Poll Com.	9%	9%	20%

### CHECK 2 (ONLY) OF 9 BELOW TO BE FEATURED IN STUDY AND AUG. 28 POLL

	FF	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> Should co-ops be taxed the same as corporations?....Lynn Landrum, columnist.....	18	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Should the State's claim to the tidelands be allowed?....J. O. Eastland, Senate.....	15	19
<input type="checkbox"/> If fighting in Korea ends, shall we reduce military expenditures?....O. C. Fisher, Congress.....	8	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Should income taxes be limited to 25%?....Howard H. Buffett, Congress.....	11	9
<input type="checkbox"/> Should we use atomic weapons against Chinese Communists if peace negotiations fail?....	11	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Are known Communists more dangerous to the U.S. than persons tolerant of them?....Harry F. Byrd, Sen., 14	13	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Should we have a 150-group Air Force?....Lindley Beckworth, Congress.....	6	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Should the Fed. budget be balanced even if higher taxes and elimination of some desirable govt. programs be required?....Tom Pickett, Congress.....	10	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Should Gen. MacArthur have been removed from his Far East commands?....Martin J. Corbell, N.Y.....	8	6
The questions below ranked 1 and 2 July 17 and thus are featured for study and the August 14 poll.		
Should more stringent Federal narcotic laws be passed?....Lawrence DuMars, N.Y.	100%	100%
Should non-military Federal spending be reduced 25% or more?....Jesse Jones, ex-Secy. of Commerce.		

### ACQUIRE THE VOTING HABIT!

Vote in the next poll! Participation in Facts Forum is free. If you wish to join Facts Forum, fill out application below:

NAME..... STREET..... CITY.....

Mail Application to 720 Merc. Sec. Bldg., Facts Forum Membership Committee

Skillem Drug Stores invite you to consider the significance of these questions of the July 31st Facts Forum poll in relation to national affairs and to evaluate the results of the polling in this 5th Facts Forum Poll. Make voting as much of a habit as Skillem's "One-Stop Shopping." Vote in the next election, be informed and enlightened ahead of time. Keep posted!



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 7, 1952

Attached is a copy of "Facts Forum  
News," which is the official publica-  
tion of Facts Forum, Dallas, Texas.

It will be noted that on Page 2 there  
appears a review of the movie,  
"My Son, John."

On Page 3 it will be noted that one  
of the questions listed for the April 16  
poll of Facts Forum is "Should the FBI  
tap telephones when internal security is  
involved?"

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Jones ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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## ANOTHER STATION ADDED; 27 NOW AIR SMOOT TALKS

Co-ordinator Dan Smoot's radio broadcasts continue to expand their coverage.

Another radio station—KSTB in Breckenridge, Texas—has scheduled the 15-minute commentary as a part of its regular programming. Inquiries from other stations and advertising agencies throughout the nation are increasing each day.

Thus, in addition to the seven radio stations on Texas Quality Network, 20 other broadcasting stations are now carrying the Smoot program.

The head of an advertising agency in Liverpool, Ohio, heard one of Smoot's broadcasts last month and requested a sample transcription for a prospective, civic-minded client.

There is no charge for the Smoot transcribed program. It is offered free, as a public service. Several radio stations have signed up for the platter service as a result of requests by Facts Forum groups in their vicinity.

Demand also is increasing for copies of the radio scripts, which are now being printed instead of mimeographed, for distribution. Some 2,000 copies per week are ordered for circulation.

Incidentally, the Smoot program departed from its regular format for the March 21 broadcast. The co-ordinator gave his regular broadcast period in order that an eight-member panel discussion on UNESCO could be heard.

### Record Letter Entries

More and more Facts Forum participants are writing letters to their favorite newspapers.

This is indicated by the increasing number of contest entries coming into the Facts Forum office. In fact, a record number of entries—40 letters—were entered for competition in the contest closing March 22. Thirty-two letters were entered in the last previous contest.

Some 200 slogans have been entered in the quarterly slogan contest which ended March 26. These are now in the hands of the judges.

Twenty-seven poems and 11 songs have been submitted so far in competition which will close April 16. (For details on contests, see back page.)

## THE VERNE LANE FORUM PIONEERS

You might easily say that the Verne of Houston are pioneers in the real of the word—pioneers as far as Factum is concerned in Texas' largest city.

Through their keen interest, their conviction in its aims and purposes, Forum has been piloted to a steady and successful growth there since the days of infancy in mid-summer, 1951.

Verne Lane, a well known merchant and architectural authority, is a busy man. But he has given a generous amount of time helping Forum groups organized, particularly the teen-aged group with whom he's a favorite.

Participants throughout the Houston area have looked to his leadership since he became the volunteer director of Facts Forum in Harris County.

Equally as active in Facts Forum is his wife, Mrs. Nelle Lane, who has of immeasurable help handling a multitude of administrative details.

Lane has been a "builder" all his life. A native of Missouri, he came to Houston after completing his engineering and architectural studies in 1910. He became associated in the aircraft manufacturing industry.

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**'TOWN HALL' DEBATE**—Each month members of Facts Forum No. 58 of Dallas congregate at St. Luke's Episcopal Church parish hall to talk over some current vital issue, usually one presented in the Facts Forum poll. Here, they exemplify what is considered an ideal type of Forum meeting—debate between two members of the Forum followed by a group discussion. W. E. Moerschell (standing) starts off the debate; taking the rebuttal is Lyman Irwin (seated at Moerschell's right), while Mrs. R. A. McCarthy acts as moderator.

## THOUGHTS

By

DAN SMOOT  
Co-ordinator

Thanks to the courtesy of Bob Bixler of Paramount Studios, I and about 100 other Facts Forum people in Dallas had the extreme pleasure of seeing a preview of *My Son, John*, a Paramount production starring Helen Hayes, which is scheduled for general release the latter part of April.

*My Son, John* is a powerfully moving drama and a splendid vehicle for a display of the superior genius of Helen Hayes. But it is far more than that.

*My Son, John* is the story of a middle-class American family whose tragedy is the tragedy of 20th Century America.

A family nourished in the finest traditions of America is almost destroyed by an evil which today, is engulfing the entire world—Communism, the most deadly virus that has ever crept into the hearts and minds and souls of men since the beginning of human history.

*My Son, John* is not a documentary on the Alger Hiss case, but there are striking parallels between the careers of John and Alger Hiss. John, a brilliant and pampered favorite son, for reasons wholly unaccountable to those who do not understand the evil thing that Communism is, revolts against his past and becomes a Communist spy. He rises high in government service and in the esteem of the nation while working to destroy the society that has honored him. The higher he rises in power and prestige the lower he sinks in honor and common decency.

This picture persuasively proves that Communism is an intellectual disease which first finds roots in the minds of intellectuals, and it is these people who constitute the real strength of the Communist movement in America.

America's millions will make this picture a box-office success, and thereby give Hollywood the best of all possible encouragement to do more of the same.

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## FACTS FORUM BECOMES PART OF CIVIC LIFE AT STAUNTON

Facts Forum has taken a true grass roots hold in the civic life of Staunton, Virginia. Recently, the city council there postponed consideration of fluorinating the water supply until it could get a clear expression of public opinion. And the Facts Forum unit in Staunton obliged by scheduling one of its town hall type of meetings early in May prior to an official council public hearing.

The issue of fluorinating municipal water supplies was brought out some months ago by the Facts Forum public opinion poll, distributed to participants throughout the nation.

The general policy of the Staunton group is to key its monthly topics to any public issue arising, in the community or otherwise. While state-wide attention was being called to football handling in the colleges, the Forum debated "Ethics in College Football." Just before the state legislature convened, the Forum debated proposed constitutional amendments scheduled to come up for a vote. One of the principal debaters was a member of the Virginia State Legislature. When the city council was considering its annual budget, the Staunton unit held a panel discussion on local tax structure, panel members being the city mana-

ger, the newspaper editor and a former city councilman. One of the most popular topics for recent debate was the question of Communism and its success in the United States. Main speaker was Dr. Herbert S. Turner, professor of philosophy at Staunton's Mary Baldwin College.

Facts Forum activities at Staunton are further spotlighted since the radio station there—WTOM—carries each week the transcribed radio talks of Facts Forum Co-ordinator Dan Smoot.

The business manager of Mary Baldwin College, John B. Daffin, heads the Facts Forum unit. Secretary is Mrs. William C. Owen, and treasurer, Miss Bessie Wallace Landes.

## RESULTS OF MARCH 26 POLL

Yes %

- 87 Should all delegates to major party national conventions be elected in statewide primaries?
- 31 Is U. S. production capacity declining alarmingly compared with Russia's?
- 50 Can a NATO army sufficient to defend Western Europe be raised?
- 41 Should UMT be passed again if offered?
- 73 Can U. S. Communists use business as was done by Hitler in gaining power?
- 25 Are present party alignments conducive to good government?
- 47 Should the UN program UNESCO be promptly amplified?
- 84 Is a two-party as against a multi-party or one-party system vital to U. S.?
- 15 Are Congressional investigating committees given sufficient access to departmental files?
- 68 Should Hawaii be given statehood?
- 21 Is Secretary Acheson presently doing a good job with the State Department?
- 57 Should toll roads be authorized to meet the need for improved roads in the U. S.?
- 19 Should eight billion dollars more foreign aid be given to contain Communism?
- 33 Does internationalism safeguard freedom in America?

## 'YOUR RUGGED CONSTITUTION' KEY TO VITAL U. S. DOCUMENT

Reading and understanding the American Constitution once was considered something of a chore to be undertaken only by students and scholars.

But in this day, with the freedom of the world dependent upon a strong United States, the average American is discovering it is just as important that he, too, have some knowledge of the nation's most vital document.

Facts Forum now has an outstanding book in its central Dallas library, entitled *Your Rugged Constitution*. Because it is a pictorial study, the book offers an easy and entertaining way to become acquainted with the Constitution. The document is printed, part by part, in large type, along with running commentaries and lively illustrations.

*Your Rugged Constitution* was conceived and developed by two top American educators, Bruce and Esther Findlay. Together they have been active in the development of numerous audio-visual projects and have published widely in school and trade media. Artist Richard Dawson drew the sketches. The book is first in the American

Ideals Series of the School of Education at Stanford University.

It has been suggested that this book would be an excellent introductory to still another Facts Forum book, *Undermining the Constitution*, written by Thomas James Norton, one of America's leading constitutional lawyers.

Dallas County's League of Women Voters invites the public to attend its "school" on party precinct conventions, Monday, April 14, at 8 p. m. in the Hotel Adolphus Ballroom. Speakers are J. M. Claunch, government professor at Southern Methodist University, and Miss Margaret Brand, Dallas attorney.



## WAR BRIDE LAUDS FORUM ACTIVITIES

(This letter, excerpts of which are printed below, was received last week by Facts Forum headquarters in Dallas. It was written by Mrs. Berniece Jackson of Dallas, a native New Zealander who married an American naval officer and came to this country following World War Two. Mrs. Jackson is not yet an American citizen but plans to apply for citizenship.)

Facts Forum  
Dallas, Texas.

Recently I attended the opening of a new Forum in Kaufman at which the aims and principles of Facts Forum were clearly and concisely given. Stress was laid on quality and quantity in the American citizens' voting. I believe this to be a very fine objective, but it occurred to me, that in Dallas, there are many people attending the various Forums who are not citizens. As I fall into this category, as I do not yet vote here, I should like to point out that Facts Forum has helped me considerably also. Citizenship . . . (for me) has been a major issue . . . (since) I married an American serviceman. I did not leave my country as a refugee from any political cause . . . only the happiest memories remain of my people . . . (but) ever since arriving in the United States I have felt the need for something along the Facts Forum line . . . In our home we would have limited discussion but the disadvantage here was the hostess-guest relationship; everybody was being polite, or very frank with resultant confusion.

In the free give-and-take of an open Forum discussion, I have come to understand better the average thinking American's view and the why and wherefore of official American policies. So, although I have not yet come to the end of the road—and I find citizenship is a long road if conscientiously done—at least I've been given a helping hand and encouragement. Many thanks, Facts Forum.

Mrs. Berniece Jackson.

4030 Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

### The Verne Lanes—

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ness, and during World War One, Lane, himself a qualified pilot, built airplanes for the Allies.

Lane was educated in the field of engineering at the Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago, Illinois, and he subsequently studied architecture. Both of these studies have served him well in his current activities—the results of which may be seen in the new million-dollar business center at Sugar Land, Texas. There Lane was consultant on an extensive project where the entire business area of the town was moved from old and outdated buildings across a main highway to new and modern quarters.

He is now interested in the completion of an educational program concerning merchandising, which is designed to demonstrate how business men of smaller Texas communities can keep available buying power "at home."



**GUEST MODERATOR**—Mrs. Addison Moore of Dallas, an enthusiastic Facts Forum participant and volunteer worker, presided as moderator for the panel discussion—demonstrating a Forum meeting in action—which was heard over Texas Quality Network Friday, March 21, in the regular broadcast period (9:45 p.m.) of Coordinator Dan Smoot. Other members of the radio panel were Mr. Moore, Miss Marian Enholm, Mrs. Virginia Moore, Mrs. Claude Langton, David Witts, Bill Billings and Doc Sims. They discussed UNESCO.

Six new Forums have scheduled their first meetings at Fort Worth, which will bring to 10 the total in that city and 11 in Tarrant County.

### Dedman Says

## FORUM SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU

"The success of democracy as well as of Facts Forum depends upon the voluntary support and efforts of each individual. If you believe, as does Facts Forum, that the principal obstacle to successful self-government is public apathy, then you are urged to join with us in our fight to create a more aroused and informed citizenry. Join a Forum discussion group, or form one of your own. It is very simple. Any of the Facts Forum offices will be happy to assist you.

"Get the voting habit. Vote the poll cards regularly. Discuss the questions with your friends. One of the easiest ways in the world in which to enlist a new member in our fight for democracy is by getting him to vote one of the poll cards.

"Read and encourage your friends to read the books in the Facts Forum free circulating library. Suggest additional books for the library. Encourage your Forum to have a book review on one of the books in the Facts Forum library at each of your meetings.

"Anyone wishing to make contributions toward defraying the expense of Facts Forum in its educational work may do so by sending his personal check made out to Facts Forum, Inc., address, 720 Mercantile Securities Bldg., Dallas."

Robert H. Dedman,  
President, Facts Forum.

### QUESTIONS ON APRIL 16 POLL

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## OMAHA LIBRARY WIDELY USED

The Omaha, Nebraska, Facts Forum office has built up a library of more than 3,000 pieces of material that are being used for discussion not only by the 10 Facts Forum groups there but by 14 other organizations, as well.

Mrs. Sidney W. Riley wrote in the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs News:

"Facts Forum fits in ideally with Federated Club Women, inasmuch as each group may choose the subjects they decide to study. Then the beautiful part is that through the Omaha Facts Forum office study materials on both sides of any question are made available."

The Omaha Facts Forum office also has been working hand in hand with the public schools. Every three weeks it sends to the government class at Holy Name High

School the regular Facts Forum public opinion poll, where the questions are discussed and voted upon.

The little Northeast Texas town of Kaufman, 60 miles east of Dallas, is setting up a branch Facts Forum library. A new Facts Forum unit there, headed by Joe W. Nash, Jr., has established the library temporarily in the insurance office of Henry Nash, just off the town's courthouse square.

# THE CONTINUING DEBATE IN FACTS FORUM

## AWARDS FOR CONTESTS CLOSING March 26, 1952 LETTERS TO EDITOR

(1st—\$64.00)

### Compulsory Training

To the Wichita Falls Daily Times:

The question is, "Should we pass a law providing for universal military training?"

My answer is no.

We must remember that every nation, back through history, that has adopted militarism has gone down in disastrous military defeat. Germany, Italy and Japan being the most recent ones. Every able-bodied man in these countries was a trained soldier and today the countries are in a shambles and their people are prisoners of war.

We must remember again that prior to World War One the nations of the world were our friends, but the politicians refused to heed the warning of the founders of this country but instead meddled in the internal affairs of other nations. The result was World War One.

So again, the New Deal politicians' intermeddling was the cause of World War Two. But they yet weren't satisfied with that war. Through their bungling and sell-outs and compromises with Communism at Yalta, Potsdam and other places, they lost our friends for us, so today we find ourselves without a friendly country that would come to our aid if we were attacked, for they don't put any confidence in us.

Now the New Deal-Fair Deal politicians are trying to sell our type of democracy—with all its political corruptions and scandals and vice—to other countries. But other nations don't want it. The politicians know what other countries think of us, so now they want to turn this country over to the military and scatter our boys over the world to fight and die in useless, senseless wars that are none of our business, such as the Korean war.

J. KENT.

Electra, Texas.

(2nd—\$56.00)

### Uncle Santa Claus

To the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

We need a strong America but our present method of trying to make us strong by siphoning our wealth into other countries is making us weak. The nations receiving our gifts will become our enemies when the handouts stop and will line up against us in the event war should come. The money that has already been wasted by us over Europe could have made us one of the strongest nations in the world instead of our standing face to face with national bankruptcy as we now are.

The idea that world leadership has been thrust upon us and we must police the world is pure bunk. We have become a "limberjim" in the hands of the British. We should wake up and stop gambling in a game of heads you win, tails we lose.

War is not the road to peace. It has never brought peace and will never do so. A forced peace is not peace. At best, it is only a cessation of hostilities for the time being, and always paves the way for more and bigger wars. Just look over in Korea where we undertook to bring peace by force. We have destroyed their country and well nigh destroyed their people, besides more than 100,000 casualties of our own and squandering billions of dollars and have only made the situation worse, and will have to pay billions more for rehabilitation of that war-torn country.

We are talking peace, but actions speak louder than words. Our war dog is wagging his tail and growling at the same time. Which end should we believe? We are preparing other nations for global war and stripping our own country of its wealth in order to do it.

We should revert to George Washington's policy of steering clear of alliances with any part of the foreign world. We should get out of the United

Nations, bring our boys back home, quit playing Santa Claus, get rid of our warmongers, then vote only for statesmen for our leaders, and become a peaceful nation again. Wake up, America, wake up, before it is forever too late.

S. A. BEARD.

919 Centre Street, Dallas.

(3rd—\$48.00)

### Idea of UMT

To the Houston Post:

There is one fatal flaw in the idea that universal military training will make us a stronger nation.

It is this: Our boys could be trained only according to the rules of the last war. Their training would be out of date by the time the next war, with different rules, came along.

Let me illustrate: Our soldiers and sailors at Pearl Harbor were all trained according to the World War One setup. The Japs came along with a new setup and 3,500 of our boys were killed before they could get out of the way.

The French were trained to hold the Maginot Line which was the last word in defense according to World War One standards. The Germans had a new idea. They let the French hold the Maginot Line while they overran France.

Our army in Africa was never halted for long. It was composed of farmers, roughnecks, section Jerrys, soda jerkers and millionaires.

They were filled with the spirit of independence and the desire to get the job done and get back home and get out of uniform.

Such an army has always carried us to victory. Why should we give up such a winning combination for something that has proven itself to be not so good?

We do not need a large standing army for our defense. While it is true that our two oceans are easier to cross than they were, it is also true that our shores are easier to defend than they were.

We are under no obligation to "deter aggression everywhere in the world." Besides, we don't know an aggressor when we see one.

It is dangerous to put too big an army at the disposal of the Chief Executive. If President Truman had not had some surplus army at his command we would not now be on the losing end of the Korean invasion.

J. E. JOHNSON.

Box 824, Conroe, Texas.

(4th—\$40.00)

### Advice to Voters

To the Times Herald:

Every four years we Americans are amazed and annoyed to discover what a small part we play in naming our party's candidate for the high office of President.

Yet even with faulty political machinery, even without presidential primaries, any citizen can make his voice heard and heeded. His opportunities are not limited to laws that give him a chance to vote his preference. The polls are but one means by which free peoples govern themselves. We have other ways of making our desires known.

We can speak to party leaders in our precincts—stating our choice and our reasons. We can write to party leaders in the state and nation. We can always talk to other citizens. We can write to newspapers. We can form or join a

club devoted to our candidate's interests. We can contribute money to finance a campaign for our man.

These are but a few paths we can follow to insure ourselves a larger voice in the choice of President. For an aroused citizenry can indeed nominate its President. It can do it this year. The real question is whether we will take the trouble to be good citizens.

ALINE ADAMS.

3921 Hall Street, Dallas.

(5th—\$32.00)

### No Fair, He Says

To the Corpus Christi Caller Times:

In its news features I do not believe The Caller Times is always fair in giving such prominence in the way it headlines what some alleged subversive says. Where it headlines the article concerning hearing of the McCarran committee with Owen Lattimore as witness, it uses as a headline the statement of Lattimore, "Lattimore Calls McCarthy Graduate Witch Burner."

The blackout of the supposedly responsible class on the issue of Communism is an extraordinary historical phenomenon in mass emotionalism. Go back to 1937 when Stalin was staging the so-called trials of former trusted Bolsheviks and murdering thousands of descendants and suspected descendants with no trial at all. Those who call themselves liberals were too busy joining in protest over what they considered the unjust conviction of Mooney, Sacco, Vanzetti, the Scottsboro boys, and so forth, to give much space to protest over the mass murders in Soviet Russia. Most of them, if queried, would have stated that the murders in Russia were justified, for without doubt, they were guilty anyway.

Our self-labeled liberals have long been well equipped with blinders or blinkers which keep them from being too critical of native Communists or receptive to the idea or to the revelation that a Soviet fifth column has infiltrated our government towards the top. The New Dealers and Fair Dealers, rather than seem to be red baiters, prefer to be fools. If some reader writes a letter to the Voice of the People in which he or she tosses a bucket of cold water, which is liable to shock somebody out of their pleasant dream about Soviet Russia, it's liable to be too long and too repetitious.

Often in editorials we find them sneering and sniping at anybody whose testimony helps to destroy the myth "that there has not been any Communistic espionage in this country" and that if there was it didn't involve any of the nice people in the Truman administration and, of course, the man who really gets the works is the man who supplies the evidence and helps to make it stick.

The reprisals are always against those who oppose Communism, rather than against the Communists. But these methods and tactics will soon become a lost cause, for after all, what can be said of a lost cause that holds the beliefs that Soviet spies and propagandists are proper subjects for tolerance and fair play! Because a man wears a hundred-dollar suit and is a college graduate, does not always make a man a true liberal or a clear-thinking American or make of him a full qualified American critic.

TRAVIS R. PARKER.

2613 Lynch, Corpus Christi, Texas.

(6th—\$28.00)

### International Flop

To the Dallas News:

Our present foreign policy, plant and executed almost entirely by internationalists, has cost the American public billions of dollars, more than 100,000 casualties; and the end is not yet sight. All this has occurred without the loss of a single Russian soldier.

The reason for this disastrous failure is that their minds have been clouded by beautiful international dreams of world run and regulated by a suit world government. Their pipe dreams of peace and prosperity under the United Nations have not withstood the acid test of reality and common sense.

The reality and common sense the internationalists overlooked was the simple fact that the support given to the United Nations by its members would no event be more than the extent of the national interest of a member nation. Hence, the token forces sent to Korea.

TEX. S. RAMBO.

106½ N. 2nd Avenue, Durant, Ok.

(7th—\$24.00)

### That Godless UN?

To the Daily Oklahoman:

I read all the editorials of every paper we take and the first one I have seen touching on the United Nations is what it can do as "Stop, Look and Listen" from The Daily Oklahoman.

I want to congratulate you. What I want with that Godless, atheist thing anyhow? It's nothing but a net for the Reds. They have access to everything.

I wrote a dozen senators when they were talking about printing a United Nations stamp that not one would come on our place. Also, told my grandchildren that if they ever allowed a U flag to be displayed in the schoolroom or in the church, and they didn't tear down, I'd lick the whole bunch.

I hate it and hope and pray that Congress, while it can, will get rid of while it has the power to.

MRS. J. B. JENNINGS.

Turpin, Oklahoma.

(8th—\$20.00)

### Who'll Pay For It?

To the Dallas News:

Over at Lisbon the NATO came up with a plan to raise a European arm at the cost of 300 billion dollars. Being a little inquisitive I want to know where they are going to get the money.

England and France are broke and they have their hands full in Egypt, Burma and Indo-China. As for Holland, Belgium, Canada and other countries you can't count on them for very much. Germany won't do anything unless the United States pays the bills.

So it boils down for the United States to pay and pay. We are tied up in Korea for a long time to come and, by the way, our good old Allies left us to hold the sack there. We are 260 billion dollars in debt. Sen. Paul Douglas says we must balance the federal budget. To do it he proposes to cut the defense, foreign aid and civilian programs. Besides we got to keep the UN talking and our government running. Again, I ask, where is the money coming from?

H. L. HARRELL.

Box 62, Argyle, Texas.

March 26, 1952

### RECRUITER AWARDS

FIRST \$100—Mrs. M. R. Wilcox, Sr. Wofford Road, Athens, Texas. Recruited 49 members in Athens and organized a Forum.

SECOND \$75—Miss Claudette Barazon, 3529 Colgate, Dallas, Texas. Recruited 21 members and organized Forum No. 64.

THIRD \$50—Mr. G. Jackson Dunn. 1819 S. Farola, Dallas, Texas. Recruited 10 new members for Forum No. 23.

FOURTH \$40—Mr. Tyler T. Harrison, P. O. Box 5651, Dallas 2, Texas. Recruited 9 members and organized Forum No. 60.

NOTE: Since Forums, as such, are failing to enter in the Recruiter Award contest these awards will hereafter be paid to individuals who cause new Participants to join Forums (new or existing) which have a membership of less than 49. Anyone who causes new Participants to join such Forums should send a list of their names and addresses approved by the Presidents of Forums joined. Awards: 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$75; 3rd, \$50; 4th, \$40; 5th, \$30, and 6th, \$25. Letters to Editor for either side of any Facts Forum poll question or about Facts Forum. Send clipping of your published letter showing date and name of magazine or paper.

Slogan for the following quarter use. Each person may keep only one slogan in competition. When slogan is offered it remains in competition until withdrawn. Judgings last poll date prior to each calendar quarter year. For best slogan, \$64.

Songs of Facts Forum to stimulate interest. May be words set to old tunes or preferably new music. Send Facts Forum your song and start the song going. Awards for most popular songs. 1st, \$300, 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$75; 4th, \$40.

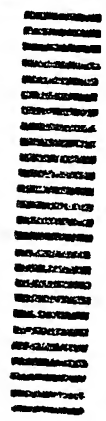
Facts Forum poem or jingle to stimulate interest. Send copy to Facts Forum. Judgings of most popular will be made last poll date in April and October each year. 1st, \$64, and 2nd, \$32.



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# Southern States Life Insurance Company

of  
Houston, Texas

April 6, 1952

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been invited to join the Facts Forum of Dallas, Texas. Naturally, I do not wish to belong to any Communist or other organization inimical to our Government. I shall certainly appreciate it if you will tell me if the Facts Forum is on your list of subversive activities.

Yours very truly,

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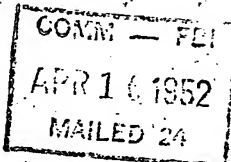
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 6, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I thought you might like to know, furthermore, that this Bureau does not maintain a list of subversive organizations since the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policies in this regard and will not infer that we do or do not have the information you request.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. In June, 1951, the Dallas Office submitted background information concerning Facts Forum which apparently is financed by H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. The organization was organized during the summer, 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot has been employed to help plan and operate Facts Forum.

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## 'IN COMPARISON'

By  
**DAN SMOOT**  
Co-ordinator



Apart from the vast wealth which our free enterprise economy has produced, what is the real, moral strength of America?

Man is by nature free, and our Republic guarantees that freedom. Communism cannot allow people the right to determine for themselves what they should think, discuss or do. To permit such freedom is contrary to the basic concept of Communism—namely, that the individual is a tool of the state which promises nothing but material security, and has never yet been able to keep even that promise.

Man is by nature social, and that urge our Republic respects. In Communist countries where thought control is necessary, every individual is regarded as a spy or informer against every other, and free social intercourse is stifled by fear.

Man is by nature religious, and freedom of religion is one of the indestructible pillars of American society. In all Communist literature, religion is regarded as the evil opiate of the people.

Facts Forum hopes to encourage millions of Americans to become salesmen for these basic American qualities. Facts Forum is trying to focus attention on the fundamental problems of our times and thereby create a body of informed public opinion which will enable us as individual citizens, not only to stand and defend our American way of life but to strengthen it. Some of us might even want to crusade for it, and believe me, the cause of freedom today needs some crusaders.

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# NEW BOOKS SKETCH LIVES OF MACARTHUR, TRUMAN

Biographies of two contemporary Americans—General Douglas MacArthur and President Harry S. Truman—are contained in two new books available in the Dallas Facts Forum library.

*Douglas MacArthur*, by Journalists Clark Lee and Richard Henschel, is a warmly written account of the life of MacArthur the man, the father and the soldier. The book features more than 375 photographs, many of which have never before been published.

The MacArthur biography also provides a provocative analysis of the general's strategic thinking about Asia versus Europe. And it gives a vivid, behind-the-scenes account of incidents leading up to his dismissal from the Far East command.

In the much-publicized book, *Mr. President*, President Truman has allowed to be published his personal diaries, memoranda and private papers—an unprecedented personal revelation of a President while still in office.

"I want the people to know the Presidency as I have experienced it and I want

them to know me as I am," said the President in supplying material for the book written by Reporter William Hillman. *Mr. President* also presents a complete pictorial study, much of it in color.

Facts Forum participants are invited to submit suggestions for additional books in the library. A good book on either side of any vital public affairs question is the type of material which the library seeks.

The Dallas library is located at Facts Forum headquarters, 720 Mercantile Securities Building, Telephone ST-2291. All books are checked out without charge. A book list is sent upon request.

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April 16, 1952

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## DON'T HAVE TO BE A 'VEEP' TO DEBATE

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days a month during their lunch hour in the credit manager's office. The third is Texas & Pacific Railway. There, the speakers' club

—mostly office personnel—has become a Facts Forum unit, meeting the first and third Tuesday evening of each month in a company conference room.

### FACTS FORUM

(Next Poll)

May 7, 1952

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Does the President have legal power to seize the steel producing facilities?
- ☐ ☐ Should the new NATO Supreme Commander be a European?
- ☐ ☐ Is McCarthy justified in naming individuals in attempting to uncover disloyalty?
- ☐ ☐ Should a state political machine campaign in selection of delegates to national conventions?
- ☐ ☐ Are rising prices more inflationary than rising wages?
- ☐ ☐ Is the Supreme Court limiting its functions to its Constitutional powers?
- ☐ ☐ Should we impose a time limit in Korean armistice negotiations?
- ☐ ☐ Should the administration's present foreign aid program be carried out?
- ☐ ☐ Should income taxes be limited to 25 per cent in peacetime by a Constitutional amendment?
- ☐ ☐ Is Congress inadvisably abdicating its Constitutional powers?
- ☐ ☐ Were the MacArthur Asiatic policies right?
- ☐ ☐ Is the Seventh Fleet being used to the detriment of our land forces in Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Should immigration be suspended?
- ☐ ☐ Should the railroads be returned to private ownership?
- ☐ ☐ Is Governmental control of foreign rates advisable?

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# Texas Participant Plans Forum Start in England

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Lane G. Seever, whose husband is stationed in England with the U. S. Air Force, wrote the following letter on April 3 to Co-ordinator Dan Smoot. Poll cards, the News, and other Facts Forum material will be sent regularly to Mrs. Seever, and we will be eager to chronicle her progress. Mrs. Seever formerly taught in the Dallas public schools.)

Co-ordinator Dan Smoot  
Facts Forum  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Smoot:

I have been a voting participant in Facts Forum since the initial presentation at the Fort Worth Ad Club—and I believe that I have been assigned to a Forum which is now being organized.

However, I am leaving Fort Worth on the 12th to make my home in England for a year or so and I am uncertain as to whether I can maintain my voting participation, international postal service being what it is!

My interest in Facts Forum is intense and I do not wish to discontinue all participation. Would it be possible for me to receive the voting cards and the News periodically? There is a possibility that I may be able to organize a Forum in my new home among U. S. citizens since there is a fairly large American colony there. It would mean a great deal to me, and I am sure that such a Forum would be successful since I understand from my husband, who is already in England, that there is great interest at all times in what is going on "at home."

I would appreciate hearing from your organization regarding just what participation I could maintain in England, Mr. Smoot. Thanks so much for any consideration you can give me.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Lane G. Seever.  
8 Albert Terrace, Margate, Kent, England.

## Says Congressman

## FACTS FORUM IS DOING GOOD JOB

(Editor's Note: This letter was written by Congressman J. Frank Wilson of Texas' Fifth District (Dallas County) in reply to a request that he submit questions for the Facts Forum public opinion poll.)

Mr. Robert H. Dedman  
President, Facts Forum  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dedman:

I received your letter of March 11, and it is always a pleasure to cooperate with you and Facts Forum in any and every way possible.

In my opinion, your Facts Forum project is causing a great deal of discussion on the vital public affairs issues of the day. This is certainly a reassuring step in the right direction.

The questions I would suggest for future discussion are:

(1) Should we have preferential presidential primaries in all states?

(2) Should we maintain a large standing army of four million men or should we cut the standing army to two million men and devise some method to have trained reserves subject to call?

(3) Should President Truman's budget be cut drastically, and if your answer is yes, are you willing to take a cut in your pet project?

I am besieged by letters from people wanting to cut the budget (many of them very drastically), but ninety-nine out of a hundred of them wind up by saying, "I am strong for cutting the President's budget to



And to think—he wouldn't even open his mouth 'til he joined Facts Forum.

the bone, but I don't believe this or that should be cut." For this reason, I think that the popular idea that money grows on trees up here somewhere around the Potomac (if you can get federal aid) should be brought out in the open. All groups who are demanding federal aid and other handouts from Washington should realize that if their demands are met, no cuts can be made.

I think you have done a great deal of good, and let me know if I can aid you in any way in the future to carry on this method of getting people to think and to realize that they are the government.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Frank Wilson.

U. S. Representative, 5th District, Texas.  
Washington, D. C.

# THE CONTINUING DEBATE IN FACTS FORUM

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Awards for  
April 12, 1952

(1st—\$64.00)

## Two Parties Needed

To the Dallas Times Herald:

Is a two-party as against a multi-party or a one-party system vital to the United States? My answer to this current Facts Forum question is that a two-party system is of such vital importance that our survival as a democracy is dependent on it.

For proof of this we need only to survey the disastrous effects that one-party dominance and multi-party systems have had on the governments which have used them. These governments have invariably crumbled and fallen.

Of the two nations in which democracies have had the most satisfactory

endurance, United States and Great Britain, both have adhered to the bi-party political system.

Actually, what we need is two parties of similar strength, and for the parties themselves to take well-defined stands and stop straddling issues. If this is done much public faith and confidence in parties will be regained.

MRS. GEORGIA FERRELL.  
1117 Cleveland, Denton, Texas.

(2nd—\$56.00)

## Oppressive Taxes

To the Dallas News:

As I stare at this year's tax return I am overcome with grief, not only at my own personal "loss" but by the great loss we as a nation are suffering by the creeping growth of socialism through federal taxation. For it is in the realm of taxation that socialism through nationalized income is most significantly practiced.

Far be it from me to begrudge my rightful share of footing the expense of a just and sincere government, but I

cannot refrain from wanting to know what my dollars are being used for. The record tells me that in seven years of Fair Deal, we as a nation have been taxed 327 billion dollars, almost as much as twelve years of New Deal and the greatest war in history, and three times as much as our predecessors paid for 144 years of government. Mr. Truman has 293 White House employees as compared to the former thirty-one. Mr. Truman requires \$2,614,000 a year to run the Executive Office as compared to \$332,000 needed for Mr. Coolidge, \$336,000 necessary for Mr. Hoover, and \$528,000 a year spent by F. D. R. The various so-called peacetime departments of Federal Government have increased their expenditures from ten to fifteenfold during the Fair Deal.

The trouble with our system of taxation is that the entire concept is backward. The Federal Government should have no power or right of taxation whatever. A just and equitable system of taxation would be for the state, closer to the roots, to have exclusive right of taxation. Each state under such a system, based upon its population and its percentage to the national population, would grant the Federal Government an annual expense allowance for financing the necessary functions of the Federal

Government. This would cause the federal budget to become subject to adjudication by forty-eight State Legislatures, and to assure that the end product would be a budget of necessities.

Such a system would, in the end, assure a return to sound government financing and create a stop sign on the road to socialism.

GEORGE E. FLANNIGAN.  
4619 Northway Drive, Dallas.

(3rd—\$48.00)

## For Two-Party System

To the Dallas Times Herald:

There is food for deep and careful thought in the Facts Forum question: "Is a two-party as against a multi-party or one-party system vital to the United States?"

I am answering "yes" to this query because: 1. A one-party system would be equivalent to no party at all. Under such a system there would be but one choice at the polls; the federal, state, and Supreme Court benches would be "packed"; there would be unfair taxation without fair representation, and

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Congress would pass no law not favorable to the party in power. 2. A three-or-more-party system might be the "spice" of politics, but there is such a thing as too much spice—even in politics; and you only have to look at European politics to see that excessive "spice" in politics leads to dangerous radicalism.

It is true that the Constitution has been largely responsible for the success of our republic, but without the two-party system it is more than likely that the Constitution itself would not have endured. Further, our two-party system allows the will of our people to be expressed as it would not—and could not—be expressed under a one- or multi-party setup.

EDWIN F. ROWLES.

4420 Livingston Ave., Dallas, Texas.

(4th—\$40.00)

### Taft or MacArthur

To The Butler, Pa., Eagle:

Make no mistake, this is a serious time in our nation's history. President Truman wants General Eisenhower nominated, and if the New Deal policies are to continue cloaked under the new name of Republican Party, we are traveling the road to Communism.

In our need and desire for a change in our government, are we not too hasty, too sensational and emotional over the "Ike Glamor" and the "Ike Grin"? Are we not in danger of jumping from the "frying pan into the fire"? General Eisenhower's promoters are using as propaganda:

(1) All Europe likes "Ike"—no wonder—they expect to get our taxpayers' money from their friend "Ike."

(2) They boast he is an "Internationalist," close to the U.N.—another good reason why we should not have him for our President. We need an American for America First. The U. N. is but a sounding board for Russia.

(3) They say Eisenhower is a good compromiser, gets along well with everyone—that would make him a dangerous man to head our government. We must have a leader with the courage of his convictions, who will say "NO" to all the "RED HERRINGS"—"NO" to men like Acheson and Harriman seeking billions of our taxpayers' money to scatter in waste and extravagance all over the world—"NO" to unions, strikers and capitalists when they are wrong.

We don't want a smiling, glamorous man to flirt with foreign ideas and people. We must have a strong man, an experienced statesman to grasp our need today and our future to lead to a higher level. Would it not be more patriotic to appeal to the voters' intelligence than to their emotions and tell them the danger that lies ahead?

What reason to believe General Eisenhower would make a good President any more than you would expect Senator Taft to make a good commander of the European forces? Are we Americans going to be so gullible as to buy a "pig in a poke" when our very existence as a free nation is at stake?

Would it not be better to think clearly, talk frankly and vote justly that our freedom may endure? Put the love of country above personality and glamor. Our country has good men in both parties. The Democrats should not take a substitute for Senator Taft or General MacArthur. Republicans and Independent voters should back Senator Taft. Every American who believes charity begins at home, every American who does not want to go down the road to Communism with taxes and more taxes, every American who wants honest and just government, should work and vote for Taft because he did more than any other person for his party and country.

If the Taft deserters block Taft with Eisenhower, then we must demand the drafting of our American hero, General MacArthur. I repeat: General MacArthur is the most outstanding American today with a broader vision and knowledge than his military background would

indicate. He is the most capable, intelligent and spiritual leader in the world today.

Make no mistake—Taft or MacArthur.

HELEN NIXON FORSYTHE.

Renfrew, R. D. 1, Pennsylvania.

(5th—\$32.00)

### Freedom Safeguard

To the Dallas Times Herald:

Does internationalism safeguard American freedom?

To this question posed by Facts Forum, my answer is yes. There was a time in the infancy of society when, to use a slang expression, there was "plenty of elbow room." Individuals and families were more or less isolated, and never in each other's way. I can remember here in North Texas when the folks who lived "over the river," or "across the creek" were considered more or less as foreigners. But, as might be expected, as society became more complex, the telephone and faster means of travel abolished distance, and people had to adjust themselves to a changed environment.

The time was when we as a nation could attend to our own home affairs without becoming involved in conditions across the sea. In an age of agricultural activities, when we were more or less self-supporting, if we were entirely selfish, we need not be concerned as to the number of starving in China or in India.

But in this age of technological development, we can no longer live alone. Nations and peoples must exchange goods as well as ideas. We are "our brother's keeper," whether we like it or not.

Internationalism is but the final result of the healthy and normal evolution of society. Nations can no longer live alone.

ERVIN M. LANE.

910 Grant Street, Dallas, Texas.

(6th—\$28.00)

### Antitoll Roads

To The Houston Chronicle:

Years ago there was a hue and cry for toll roads until the Public Roads Administration made a study of their practicability. The cry died suddenly. Now, because there is not enough money allowed to the state highway department, and it is presumed that motor vehicle operators have plenty of money, the cry is being revived.

It is assumed that motorists will pay a premium to use the toll roads because of their convenience and safety. Unfortunately, the existing toll turnpikes do not have especially good safety records. The accident severity is greater and the rate of fatal accidents is higher than on the regular highways.

Why should the car owners pay premiums for the privilege of turnpike use? According to the World Almanac, the motor vehicle users paid over \$569,000,000 in federal excise taxes on gasoline in 1951, in addition to the \$1,800,000,000 that they paid in state gasoline taxes. After the expenditures by the

Public Roads Administration are deducted, it leaves some \$88,000,000 in the federal gasoline tax fund. This alone would build 80 miles or more of turnpike road every year.

These toll roads add nothing to the state highway revenues until after the bonds have been paid.

Why not let the highway departments have more money and have the federal government give back all of the gasoline tax money they collect so that the state highway departments can build free turnpike sections utilizing as much of the existing roads as possible?

DON V. PURINGTON.

1705 Dunlavy, Houston, Texas.

(7th—\$24.00)

### Senseless War

To the Dallas News:

Tuesday night over WFAA, two young men debated the question, "Should We Accept Whatever Peace We Can Get in Korea?" The young fellow who supported a "No" answer to the question expounded almost all the standard arguments used by administration defenders.

He was satisfied with a stalemate, did not approve fighting the war to a victorious conclusion nor accepting what truce we could get and ending the bloody business, claimed we had accomplished a purpose by "stopping Chinese aggression cold" and that to bring our boys out of Korea would cause us to "lose face with the Asiatics." He even repeated the one about not sacrificing a principle and that to pull out would dishonor those who so far have given their lives.

The truth is that the debacle in Korea is the result of one mistake after another by our State Department, and mistakes are not corrected by their continuance. We gave Russia, in exchange for a few days of token war against Japan, all of Manchuria, many of the Japanese islands and joint occupation of Korea. We allowed Russia to set the dividing line at the thirty-eighth parallel, arm the North Koreans and Chinese and pull her own troops out to watch our State Department continue its errors.

That department under Mr. Acheson "police armed" the South Koreans for fear they would attack their northern neighbors if they had army weapons, declared Korea of no strategic value to us and invited aggression from the north by stating we would not challenge it.

Then, in a complete reversal of policy, we decided to defend the land we had abandoned and proceed to prosecute a senseless war to no conclusion, dismissing the general that would have won it for us. The Chinese Nationalists are ready and eager to fight their Communist countrymen but we don't want to start a war.

Almost twenty thousand Americans are just as dead as war can make them, and Russia has not lost a man.

J. MCCARTHY.

1348 Highland Road, Dallas.

(8th—\$20.00)

### Production Capacity

To the Dallas Times Herald:

There have been many articles ten and much talk concerning the decline of the United States' production capacity as compared with Japan. Most of these talks and articles seem to be supported by facts.

The capacity of a country in trial expansion and production is on the food produced in that country and we need have no fear in this concerning Russia as long as her land is only able to produce enough for family and one other family, while American farmer produces enough for his family and five other families.

From eye-witness accounts, Russia has been unable to build any roads or heavy transport nor any railways worthy of the name. Housing conditions are terrible and, while it is pushing construction of roads, ways, factories and flats, it is at the expense of her standard of living, already very low. All of Russia's construction is slow and undeveloped. Most of her effort is going into expansion and armament, which is the only reason she may seem ahead of us in production at the present time, but the facts don't show this theory.

However, should it be deemed necessary, or in case of war, the United States could convert 50 per cent of consumer goods industries to a war effort and still maintain a standard of living much higher than Russia's now. Russia's national industrial production is only one-fourth the size of our country's. Her vast labor force, including the slaves. The reason for this is only lack of know-how but food.

The assumption that Russia would produce us would appear to be more of the administrative propaganda along the line of governing through emergency to cover up present bungling.

The bureaucrats made a mistake entrusting the military with procurement and production of planes, tanks and ammunition and they have made a mess of it. Poor planning and changes in design have set this program far behind schedule but this cannot be blamed on American production capacity. American production capacity is one thing Stalin fears most.

H. D. MONTAGU

618 N. Bishop, Dallas.

April 12, 1952

### RECRUITER AWARD

FIRST \$100—C. H. Byous, 113 N. Elmore Avenue, Dallas. Recruited 28 members and organized Forum No. 63.

SECOND \$75—Dr. Edward Thorne, 1206 Cheyenne Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Recruited 22 members and organized El Paso County Forum No. 2.

THIRD \$50—W. B. West III, 2 West Magnolia, Fort Worth. Recruited 18 new members and organized Forum No. 3 in Fort Worth.

FOURTH \$40—Mr. James F. Corcoran, 5838 Anita, Dallas. Recruited 12 new members and organized Forum No. 65.

FIFTH \$30—Mrs. Alton N. Evans, 3040 Asher Street, Alexandria, Louisiana. Recruited 8 members and organized Forum No. 1 in Alexandria.

**NOTICE:** Cash awards for securing new Facts Forum members (Recruiter Awards) are being discontinued effective April 13, 1952. We deeply appreciate the work done by those who have participated in this contest and hope that they will continue their efforts to add to the Facts Forum membership.

Also, effective April 13, 1952, the offer of awards for Letters to the Editor—letters published in newspapers—is being changed as follows: Four awards will be paid to writers of letters espousing the liberal side of Facts Forum questions. First, \$64; second, \$45; third, \$30; fourth, \$20. And four similar awards of the same amounts will be paid for letters advocating the conservative or constructive side of Facts Forum questions. Contestants submitting their letters should designate that their letter is intended to support the liberal side or to support the constructive side regarding the subject with which it deals. If the contestant fails to make this designation, the Facts Forum Judging Committee shall exercise its option to consider the letter in one or the other category. A clipping of the published letter showing date and name of paper must be entered.

Slogan. Each person may keep only one slogan in competition. When slogan is offered it remains in competition until withdrawn. Judgings last poll date prior to each calendar quarter year. For best slogan, \$64.

Songs of Facts Forum. May be words set to old tunes or preferably new music. Judgings last poll date in April each year. 1st, \$300; 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$75; 4th, \$40.

Facts Forum poem or jingle. Judgings last poll date in April and October each year. 1st, \$64, and 2nd, \$32.



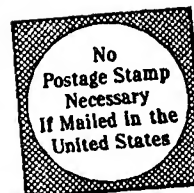
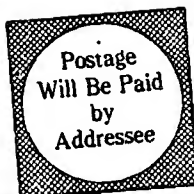


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# FACTS FORUM

May 7, 1952

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Does the President have legal power to seize the steel producing facilities?
- ☐ ☐ Should the new NATO Supreme Commander be a European?
- ☐ ☐ Is McCarthy justified in naming individuals in attempting to uncover disloyalty?
- ☐ ☐ Should a state political machine campaign in selection of delegates to national conventions?
- ☐ ☐ Are rising prices more inflationary than rising wages?
- ☐ ☐ Is the Supreme Court limiting its functions to its Constitutional powers?
- ☐ ☐ Should we impose a time limit in Korean armistice negotiations?
- ☐ ☐ Should the administration's present foreign aid program be carried out?
- ☐ ☐ Should income taxes be limited to 25 per cent in peacetime by a Constitutional amendment?
- ☐ ☐ Is Congress inadvisably abdicating its Constitutional powers?
- ☐ ☐ Were the MacArthur Asiatic policies right?
- ☐ ☐ Is the Seventh Fleet being used to the detriment of our land forces in Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Should immigration be suspended?
- ☐ ☐ Should the railroads be returned to private ownership?
- ☐ ☐ Is Governmental control of foreign exchange rates advisable?
- ☐ I wish to join Facts Forum. ☐ I wish to help start a Forum. ☐ Send me names of Forum Presidents in my area. Extra ballots are for friends.

Name

Number and Street

City and State

**FACTS FORUM:** I want to help in the Facts Forum campaign for each Participant to become instrumental in getting one or more new members each month.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 11, 1952

The attached issue of Facts Forum  
News for June 3, 1952, which is  
the official publication of Facts  
Forum, Dallas, Texas, contains  
an article on Page 2 entitled, "Pros  
and Cons," By Dan Smoot.

It will be noted that this article  
makes reference to the Bureau.

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# FACTS FORUM

# News

TO THINK, TO KNOW, TO DO  
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June 3, 1952

## STORY DRAWS BIG RESPONSE

From coast to coast, the letters came. All were from individuals wanting to know more about Facts Forum after reading about it in *Pathfinder* magazine (April 13rd issue).

Inquiries came from people in all walks of life—from a young Navy man at San Diego, California, from a chemist in Brooklyn, New York, an abstractor in Hamilton, Montana, a clubwoman in Lodi, Wisconsin, from a minister in Lubbock, Texas, a doctor in Deer Harbor, Washington, a manufacturer in St. Louis, Missouri, from an 18-year-old physicist in Los Angeles, a Mothers' Study Group in Garrett, Indiana, and a farmer in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Most of them wanted to start Forums in their own home towns, and asked for (and were sent) information on how to proceed.

There was a lot of laudatory comment.

Wrote one man in Fort Dodge, Iowa, "I think it (Facts Forum) is a great thing."

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## EXTENSION PLAN SPURS GROWTH

An extension committee in each Facts Forum group which will help form one new Forum every month—that is the ideal arrangement for the continuing growth of Facts Forum, according to Robert H. Dedman of Dallas, president.

"Every Forum which has not already done so should immediately set up an extension committee to start new Forums," Dedman said. He noted that churches and organizations like the Junior Chamber of Commerce have greatly enhanced their growth through this method.

"An expansion program built around an extension committee," Dedman said, "makes for a more orderly planned and steady growth. Such a program supplements the activities for individual participants in starting new groups, and lends a sustaining and co-ordinating influence to their noteworthy efforts."

Some Forums already have set up their committees.



**PARTICIPANTS HEAR REVIEW**—Before their discussion meetings, participants in Dallas Forum Number 11 always listen to a review of one of the books in the Facts Forum library. Here Miss Joyce White reviews the book, *Out of Bondage*, by Elizabeth Bentley.

## BOOK REVIEWING IMPORTANT IN THIS FORUM'S PROGRAM

Perhaps they thought they'd never be doing such things, but participants in Facts Forum Number 11, Dallas, are learning to become crackjack book reviewers.

At every meeting of this unit, at least one book from Facts Forum's free circulating library is reviewed. Reviewers? Any and all of the unit's participants. They draw names to see who'll be next.

The end results have been not only a boon in interest for the library but better discussion meetings. Only a few of the participants had done any book reviewing before.

Forum Number 14 is thus carrying out—quite successfully—the recent recommendation by the Dallas County Forum that Forums hear a review of new books at each session.

The Dallas unit, which meets every second Monday evening in the Community Room, Texas Bank and Trust Company Building, starts off its meetings with a brief business session, follows it up with a book sketch, and then gets down to the speech or debate slated for the evening.

A recent meeting of the group gained generous recognition over Radio Station WFAA in Dallas. Sid Pietzsch, news editor, took his tape recorder and interviewed the program guests and individual members of

the Forum. Pietzsch devoted seven minutes of his 15-minute news broadcast to the interview the next day. The special program featured talks on potential nominees for the presidency. Speakers were George Heyl, A. B. McLaughlin, Mrs. M. D. McCarty, C. C. Renfro, and Donald L. Lewis, all of Dallas.

The Forum has elected a new board of directors, from which a slate of officers soon will be named. They are Earl Dwelle, Miss Marie Maxfield, Mrs. Berniece Jackson, Miss Mary McWilliams, Jack Morris, Miss Dorothy Owens and Miss Joyce White. Morris is the retiring president.

Those wishing to contribute to the educational work of Facts Forum should send their remittance in prior to June 30. Make checks payable to Facts Forum, Inc.



# THEY SAY WHAT THEY LIKE AND THE JUDGE IS PLEASED

The judge peered over his horn-rimmed spectacles.

Seems a young fellow in the audience was causing quite a commotion, raising his voice in loud, unwavering tones.

Yet the judge didn't bang a gavel. He just smiled, sat back and enjoyed the entire proceedings.

In court, it might have been a different story.

But Corporation Court Judge Joe M. Hill of Dallas wasn't holding court that day. He was presiding at the regular monthly meeting of the Veterans-Citizens Forum. And the fireworks — a debate — started after someone had brought up a question on the Facts Forum public opinion poll.



JUDGE JOE M. HILL

Most meetings of this Dallas veterans group are like that, somewhat on the vigorous side, as members thrash out what they consider to be the most important vital issues of the day. It could be anything from raising school teachers' pay to negotiating peace in Korea.

Topics of debate stem from issues posed in the Facts Forum poll. For the two-year-old organization, of which Judge Hill is

president, has adopted the poll card as a guide for group discussion. And each of the some 35 members individually casts his vote in the balloting.

"We started out just having various speakers come and talk to us," says the judge, a veteran of two world wars. "But we decided it was more fun if everybody got into the act. Facts Forum helped us fill the bill."

The group consists of representatives from most Dallas veterans organizations. They meet at noon the last Wednesday of each month in a downtown hotel dining room. Vice presidents are W. T. Todd and H. Stanley Spain.

The number of radio stations broadcasting the Smoot talks is now 33, most recent addition being Radio Station KWKC in Abilene. Station officials requested transcriptions of the broadcasts after reading in *Pathfinder* that the recordings were available.

Pros  
and  
Cons

By

DAN SMOOT

Former A-1



"Is Congress abusing its investigatory powers?"

This question was posed by Congressman Overton Brooks, whose letter is reproduced in this issue.

Some may vote "yes," claiming that Congress is wasting time and creating widespread hysteria. Congressional committees inflict hardship with their power of subpoena and waste funds in conducting investigations that are purely partisan in purpose. They provide ammunition for irresponsible demagogues who indulge in character assassination or any other sensational tactics which will capture headlines for themselves and smear their political opponents. The Executive Branch of the government has agencies, such as the FBI, and loyalty boards, staffed with competent, highly trained personnel and can deal with this job effectively.

Others may vote "no," feeling that one of Congress' most useful functions is in this field.

Loyalty boards are set up by the Departments upon whose personnel they pass, and, when they are not subservient to Administration wishes, Department heads can overrule decisions as Acheson did in the Clubb case.

The FBI does a magnificent job of investigating treacherous and dishonest individuals within government circles, but has no power to bring prosecution or force administrative action against undesirable employees.

The Executive Department can pigeon-hole the FBI reports.

When this happens, the FBI has no authority to tell Congress or the people about it. Unless some member of Congress digs up the information and exposes it, all of the expert work of the FBI can be used by the Administration as a cloak to hide treason and graft.

## FACTS FORUM

(Next Poll)

June 18, 1952

### Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Can bolting a convention in order to get representation be justified?
- ☐ ☐ Should delegates to National Conventions be elected in Congressional district-wide primaries?
- ☐ ☐ Is Congress abusing its investigatory powers? (See Brooks & Smoot, FF News)
- ☐ ☐ Should we start exerting maximum military force in Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Should we get out of Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Has Progressive Education improved the quality of instruction in our schools?
- ☐ ☐ Should parents turn over all responsibility for teaching to the educators?
- ☐ ☐ Will other U. N. nations soon begin carrying their proportionate part of the U. N. load?
- ☐ ☐ Is the President making excessive use of veto power?
- ☐ ☐ Does bi-partisan policy curtail voters' control?
- ☐ ☐ Should Congress re-examine our foreign policy and assume greater responsibility?
- ☐ ☐ Does liberal foreign aid promote American interests abroad?
- ☐ ☐ Have subversive influences played a part in shaping U. S. foreign policy?
- ☐ ☐ Should the voter strictly support his party nominees?
- ☐ ☐ Should potatoes be de-controlled?

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Co-ordinator  
Dan Smoot

## BIG RESPONSE

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idea and should grow and grow . . ." Said a San Diego resident, "... I am definitely not one with a 'don't give a hoot' attitude and I am well aware of the need for an awakening in public interest on these issues that certainly concern each and every one of us. Facts Forum is most certainly bringing the pro and con of such affairs to public attention. It is a marvelous step . . ."

A Texan wrote, "I heartily endorse this program because I think, too often, our representatives are handicapped by not being informed of 'rank and file' opinion."

Reprints of the *Pathfinder* story are now available.

## NEW BOOKS RECEIVED

New books just received in the central Dallas library of Facts Forum include: *Revitalizing a Nation*, the public pronouncements of General Douglas MacArthur, correlated by John Pratt; *Shanghai Conspiracy*, by Major General Charles A. Willoughby; *My Ringside Seat in Moscow*, by Nicholas Nyaradi; *Witness*, by Whittaker Chambers; *Journey Between Freedoms*, by Tanja Matthews, and *The Devil's Advocate*, by Taylor Caldwell.



## News Bits

FROM HERE  
AND THERE

Members of the Staunton, Virginia, Forum recently were special guests on the Town Meeting of the Air heard over Radio Station WTON. They debated fluorination of the municipal water supply there. The program was an actual broadcast of the regular meeting.

The new Facts Forum group at Alexandria, Louisiana, has elected the following officers: Chandler Clover, president; George Hall, treasurer, and Roberta Evans, secretary. Clover is assistant personnel manager of the Central Louisiana Electric Company; Hall is an attorney; Mrs. Evans, a housewife.

Participants of the Lindrith, New Mexico, Forum met for the first time in April. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Evans are acting as president and secretary, respectively, until an election can be held in June.

Facts Forum Number Nine in Houston, Texas, composed mainly of students of Austin High School, recently discussed the advisability of suspending immigration. Several guests were present, according to Walker Jordan, president.

Universal military training was the subject of the first meeting held by Houston's Facts Forum Number 11, which met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. McDugald.

DALLAS MINISTER  
STARTS FORUMS

The Rev. Jim McClain, Episcopal clergyman of Dallas, radio commentator and formerly quizmaster of the radio show, Dr. I. Q., is starting the organization of a number of teen-ager discussion groups for Facts Forum in Dallas County.

Parents who are interested in having their children participate are asked to contact the Facts Forum office. Rev. McClain has long been a Facts Forum enthusiast and frequently devotes a portion of his weekly broadcast, Philosophy in the News, to issues posed in the poll.

## MR. VS. MRS. DEBATE . . .

★  
"Ole Henry sure  
says what he  
pleases at these  
Facts Forum  
meetings."  
★

(BFF, Before Facts  
Forum — June,  
1951 — vital issues  
of the day were the  
least of their trou-  
bles.)  
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NEW VIDEO SHOW  
DRAWS LETTERS

Facts Forum's new TV show in Fort Worth was well received, according to Coordinator Dan Smoot, moderator of the video debate.

"We had a pretty heavy volume of mail from the Dallas-Fort Worth area," on the first WBAP-TV program presented May 21, Smoot reported. Topic was, "Should the United States continue to support the UNESCO program?"

The Facts Forum debate is a regular 10:30 p.m. feature each Wednesday.

Meantime, two well-known Americans have been scheduled for guest appearances on Smoot's radio show, carried over Texas Quality Network each Friday evening at 9:45 p.m. One is General Albert C. Wedemeyer, American commanding general in the Chinese theater of operations during World War II. The other is Arthur Conrad, president of The Heritage Foundation.

## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1952

Honorable Robert H. Dedman  
President, Facts Forum  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Dedman:

I thank you kindly for your letter of April 28 and for the enclosed Facts Forum news. I think you are doing a great job with Facts Forum. It is causing a tremendous amount of interest in Washington and only yesterday I heard a vigorous discussion of Facts Forum among several Congressmen. All were studying your suggestions.

I am enclosing below four questions in accordance with your request:

1. Should credit controls on purchases as now covered by Federal Reserve regulations be repealed completely? If not, to what extent?

2. Is Congress abusing its investigatorial powers?

3. Should a Constitutional amendment defining the Executive power of the President of the United States during times of emergency and during normal peace times be submitted to the voters of this country for adoption?

4. Should not this Republic have a more definite policy regarding the handling of territories and possessions? Should they be handled as colonies or should every territory ultimately have the hope of becoming a state?

I hope you can use some of these questions and with best wishes to you,  
I am

Sincerely yours,  
Overton Brooks, M. C.  
4th Congressional District, Louisiana

## FACTS FORUM

(Results)

May 28, 1952

## Yes %

- 28 Should price controls be extended June 1?
- 75 Will the Madden House Committee find Russia guilty of the Katyn Forest Massacres?
- 7 Should Truman keep Congress in session until it passes the bills he requests?
- 50 Does bi-partisan policy curtail voters' control?
- 32 Should the Senate ratify the UN's Genocide Treaty?
- 12 Should foreign aid be established as a permanent feature of American policy?
- 80 Can the number of voters be increased 12 million this year over previous years?
- 29 Does compulsory health insurance differ from socialized medicine?
- 87 Should the President invoke the Taft-Hartley Act in the steel wage dispute?
- 18 Are American history and civics adequately taught in the public schools?
- 78 Should the United States declare the Yalta agreements void?
- 20 Will the United Nations accomplish its purposes?
- 83 Should Congress establish its own budget bureau?
- 93 Are there Communists in high places who have not been named?
- 75 Should we use atomic weapons in Korea?

# THE CONTINUING DEBATE IN FACTS FORUM

## AWARDS FOR CONTEST CLOSING May 24, 1952

**Letters to the editor.**—NOTE—Since there have been few entries for the liberal side on Facts Forum questions, the contest is being changed back to its former status, without designation as to liberal or constructive point of view. Eight awards will henceforth be given for letters reflecting any side of a Facts Forum poll question as follows: 1st, \$64; 2nd, \$56; 3rd, \$48; 4th, \$40; 5th, \$32; 6th, \$28; 7th, \$24; 8th, \$20. A clipping of the published letter showing date and name of newspaper must be entered.

### LETTERS TO EDITOR CONSTRUCTIVE

#### 1st Award—\$64

#### Social Medicine and Dictatorship

To the Dallas News:

Does compulsory health insurance differ from socialized medicine? "A rose by any other name would smell—as sweet."

Does it really matter by what name it is called? Compulsory insurance is a big step in the direction of social medicine. To me they are one and the same. Our voluntary insurance has been a great success, as has free medical practice...

This fight is not that of medicine alone. It is the fight of all Americans. Wherever you find socialized medicine, you will find deterioration of medical care. Poor living conditions and poor food cause social unrest and poor health. We have living examples in some of our foreign countries today.

What will all this do to research, a most vital part of our present setup of free enterprise? The progress of research will come to a complete standstill... You can't make a man discover something, which may take years of his life, when he knows there will be no recognition or reward for his brain child.

I can not believe freedom-loving Americans would be for compulsory insurance or socialized medicine if they thoroughly understood the issue...

404 S. 30th Street  
Corcoran, Texas

J. GREER.

#### 2nd Award—\$45

#### How Much Authority?

To The St. Louis Globe Democrat:

Does the President have the legal power to seize the steel-producing facilities? This question is of vital importance to us as a free nation, one that reaches down to everybody in this country.

If our President has that right, then we are no longer free, and a powerful Federal Government can take over any business under any pretext whatsoever and run it as it sees fit...

All this leads to the question, just who is the government? The President and his "inherent" powers, or the people of the U. S. A.? It's about time we found out.

If, as the government attorney contends, the court lacks authority to strike down the President's seizure, then the government cannot function within the Constitution, which is the foundation of our government. Laws by Congress are subject to the court and, in fact, our Constitution itself depends on the court for interpretation. If the executive branch is beyond the reach of the court, then thousands of freedom-loving patriots (1776-1952) have died believing they were preserving a freedom that wasn't there, and they died in vain...

W. L. DODDS.

#### 3rd Award—\$30

#### For Tax Limit Amendment

To The Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal:

I believe that the time has come when a consti-

tutional amendment is needed to limit taxes to 25 per cent in peacetime. Right now a little over 25 per cent of a man's income goes to the government in taxes if he earns \$3,500 a year. That percentage grows by leaps and bounds as the income increases, of course. Taken as a whole, the percentage of income in the United States paid to all levels of government last year was slightly over 30 per cent. This includes federal, state and local personal income taxes, and corporation income, sales taxes, property taxes and payroll taxes that are either paid by or passed on to the individual.

It has been proven by experts that, when the government takes more than 25 per cent of the national income, inflation sets in... Americans have always prided themselves on their high middle class of people, uncommon in most other countries; but if the present trend continues, many of us will no longer feel that we can qualify for that bracket...

In order to reach the high level of taxation we have attained, every source seems to have been squeezed dry. The wealthiest are now paying about 92 per cent of their earnings to the government; corporations cannot be taxed any more heavily or the incentive to grow which has been one of our fundamental policies will be eliminated. Certainly the man with the small income is taxed to the limit of his ability already.

... Just how bad will the situation have to be before we are granted a small reprieve? I think that the time is now...

109 Walnut  
Greenville, Ky.

MRS. R. L. GEISSAL.

#### 4th Award—\$20

#### Inflation Cause

To The Times Herald:

In answer to the Facts Forum question: Are rising prices more inflationary than rising wages? I do not see how they could be. When prices go up I stop buying, or slow down. When my wages go up I start buying, or buy more. From this fact reduced to its barest simplicity, I must assume that rising prices slow down the buying pulse, and rising wages speed it up. Rising prices, therefore, have a deflationary effect, while rising wages exert an inflationary one.

This is true because the more people like me there are in the buying market the greater the demand. And the greater demand the greater the prices asked and paid. And it is the paying price, not the asking one, that determines the ultimate effect. Higher prices of themselves are not inflationary, as I have already pointed out. It is the higher wages which make it possible to pay the higher prices that set off the rising spiral leading to inflation. Actually, if wages and prices stayed relatively close together, whether they were high or low would be largely academic.

2901 Alabama Street  
Dallas, Texas

MRS. FLORA VINTON.

### LIBERAL

#### 1st Award—\$64

#### Against McCarthy

To The Times Herald:

"Is McCarthy justified in naming individuals in attempting to uncover disloyalty?" To which question, posed in the May "Facts Forum" contest, my answer is no.

McCarthy's activities in support of the "McCar-ran" thought control bill, so-called, have done little to combat espionage, but have done much to threaten the individual liberty of patriotic citizens. Senator McCarthy, clothed in his senatorial cloak of immunity, has brought serious charges against hundreds of individuals, without offering any legal evidence to substantiate the charges.

... Of all the wild charges made by McCarthy of there being "hundreds of Communists employed by the government," up to date he has failed to convict even one person. McCarthy has been guilty

of such "questionable tactics" that someone has dubbed him as "a character assassin." The powerful Rules Committee of the Senate now has under investigation the serious charges brought against him by Senator Benton.

I consider "McCarthyism" is aiding in the establishment of a fatal "apathy of orthodoxy" wherein citizens fear to express an honest opinion for fear they will be branded as pink or red.

910 Grant Street  
Dallas, Texas

ERVIN M. LANE.

#### 2nd Award—\$45

#### Government in Business

To The Dallas News:

The conservative clique in the Democratic and Republican parties who are fighting Roosevelt policies in the Truman Administration would take our government out of business. They would turn the pages of history back to Hoover days when government had no business, banks no money and working people no jobs.

In any democracy, government in business is the big business. In a well-balanced democracy, the citizens have constitutional rights to be concerned about benefits from their government and private industries regulated by their government.

We Democrats can divide ourselves about government in business and bring ourselves down into slavery under world Communism.

Fellow Democrats, beware!

Ferris, Texas

E. D. CARPENTER.

#### 3rd Award—\$30

#### Newcomers Aid Nation's Progress

To The Dallas News:

To the question, "Should alien immigration be checked?"...

I say very definitely, no, not only because I am caught in the vortex of being an immigrant by marriage, but because I feel strongly that foreign blood in a country expands its thinking powers, its educational outlook and its eventual economic strength.

A foreign influence brings versatile thought and education to the minds of the natives... opens new vistas of foreign countries to them... helps the small town and the big town learn more of what foreign aid policies in the United States of America are doing to help their less fortunate neighbors.

... Having once experienced the touch of those wonderful fingertips of Uncle Sam, the immigrant brings with him a feeling of gratitude to his new land and helps to promote her greatness by the very fact that he writes home to his people in the motherland to spread the gospel of the American people.

To suspend this law made by man to further the gift God has bestowed upon us, because there is doubt in our minds that the immigrant is not American material, is to tear down the fundamental ancestry of the country—the immigrant who made America great—our early settlers.

MRS. JOHN A. CARNEY.

2211 Annies Drive  
Dallas, Texas

#### 4th Award—\$20

#### Anti-McCarthy

To The Times Herald:

"Is McCarthy justified in naming individuals in attempting to uncover disloyalty?"

Telling of the harmful effect that McCarthyism is having on the American people, Senator Benton, in an interview with the press, stated it was making the people timid and gunshy, hesitant about expressing themselves. That may be the case with some, but not with this writer.

And so to be entirely blunt about it, my answer to this Facts Forum question is a loud no!

214 E. Fifth

MAUD B. ULM.

Dallas, Texas

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DALLAS, TEXAS



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U.S. Department of Justice Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

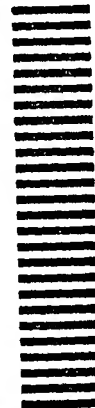




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**June 18, 1952**

**Yes No**

- ☐ ☐ Can bolting a convention in order to get representation be justified?
- ☐ ☐ Should delegates to National Conventions be elected in Congressional district-wide primaries?
- ☐ ☐ Is Congress abusing its investigatory powers? (See Brooks & Smoot, FF News)
- ☐ ☐ Should we start exerting maximum military force in Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Should we get out of Korea?
- ☐ ☐ Has Progressive Education improved the quality of instruction in our schools?
- ☐ ☐ Should parents turn over all responsibility for teaching to the educators?
- ☐ ☐ Will other U. N. nations soon begin carrying their proportionate part of the U. N. load?
- ☐ ☐ Is the President making excessive use of veto power?
- ☐ ☐ Does bi-partisan policy curtail voters' control?
- ☐ ☐ Should Congress re-examine our foreign policy and assume greater responsibility?
- ☐ ☐ Does liberal foreign aid promote American interests abroad?
- ☐ ☐ Have subversive influences played a part in shaping U. S. foreign policy?
- ☐ ☐ Should the voter strictly support his party nominees?
- ☐ ☐ Should potatoes be de-controlled?

☐ I wish to join Facts Forum. ☐ I wish to help start a Forum. ☐ Send me names of Forum Presidents in my area. Extra ballots are for friends.

**Name**

Number and Street

**City and State**

**FACTS FORUM:** I want to help in the Facts Forum campaign for each Participant to become instrumental in getting one or more new members each month.

**Name**

Number and Street

**City and State**

**Please send Facts Forum material to persons listed below:**

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# FACTS FORUM

# News

TO THINK, TO KNOW, TO DO  
SHOULD BE OUR AIM FOR '52

VOL. 1 NO. 4

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April 21, 1952

## TQN PROGRAMS ARE EXTENDED

Dan Smoot's radio programs carried by Texas Quality Network will commence their second 13-week broadcast period effective May 2.

TQN, one of the foremost regional networks in the country, started broadcasting the talks by the Facts Forum Co-ordinator last January 25. Contract recently was renewed.

A network survey shows that 2,014,020 persons are regular listeners to TQN broadcasts.

Copies of Dan Smoot's radio talks are available upon request. If you would like to receive copies of each broadcast, write Facts Forum, Dallas, Texas.

In addition, 21 other individual stations are now carrying transcriptions of the Smoot talks.

These programs may be commercially sponsored or run as a sustaining feature. Transcriptions are furnished without charge to the station.

One station—KELD in Eldorado, Ark.—has had a sponsor for its Facts Forum program some three months. And the sponsor—an oil well supply company—recently renewed contract for its continuance.

### Contest Awards

## HOUSEWIFE WINS SLOGAN AWARD

A Dallas housewife took top honors in the slogan contest with the saying, "To Think, To Know, To Do, Should Be Our Aim for '52." Winner of the \$64 award is Mrs. Will C. Jones, Jr., 4221 Livingston.

There were 202 slogans entered in the contest which ended March 26.

Meantime, a new record number of entries in the letters to the editor contest—56 letters—was noted. Thirty-nine entries were received in the poem contest; 32 in the song contest. The poems and songs are now in the hands of the judges.

*The recruiter award contest is being discontinued, and rules governing the letters to the editor contest are being changed. Letters henceforth will reflect either the liberal or constructive point of view. For full details, see "contest awards," back page.*



**FACTS FORUM IN FACTORIES.**—Employees at Dearborn Stove Company of Dallas—vice presidents, plant workers, and all—meet regularly each month for what is usually a heated debate on public affairs issues. Here, Al Furtado, tool and die maker, (standing, right), takes issue with C. D. Allison, vice president and general manager of the company (seated, left), while Mrs. Neeta Lewis, industrial editor, acts as moderator.

## DON'T HAVE TO BE A 'VEEP' TO DEBATE IN DEARBORN UNIT

It doesn't make any difference whether they're vice presidents or factory workers when employees of Dearborn Stove Company of Dallas get together for their monthly Facts Forum meeting.

In fact, you'll frequently find—in this free-for-all debate—a laborer taking in after one of the company's top executives. You'll also frequently find them in close agreement.

It's not likely they will be talking about wages or hours at the plant. The Dearborn folks like to get their teeth into such issues as universal military training, negotiated peace in Korea, the Point Four program, or internationalism versus nationalism.

Dearborn employees on all levels—the general manager, supervisor, the clerical worker and factory hand—are attracted to the town hall meeting of Facts Forum. They meet the third Monday evening of each month—away from the plant—at a civic health center in Southwest Dallas.

"We really get into some hot arguments," says Gordon Peterson, personnel executive at Dearborn. "Like on the issue as to whether a fellow should vote a 'straight' party ticket. Doesn't matter what title or rank an employee has. They all get their 'say' and depart in good spirits."

Their favorite type of program is to feature two debate teams of five members each from the audience. After the subject is debated, it then is discussed by the rest of the

group.

Peterson says there's no obstacle as far as labor-management relations are concerned.

Facts Forum is an integral part of the personnel program of the Dearborn Company in Dallas. It fits right into the course on humanics—how to speak before people, how to have self-confidence, and how to get along with others—which Dearborn offers, free of charge, to all its employees. And it fomented good will and a spirit of unity, Peterson says, much in the same way that the non-sectarian morning devotionals do. Peterson, an ordained Protestant minister, conducts the services which are held right in the factory, 'midst the drill presses and the time clocks.

Dearborn Stove is one of three Dallas companies where Facts Forum units have been formed. Another is Mosher Steel Company, where clerical workers meet two Fri-

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**FACTS FORUM**  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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## OMAHA COUNCIL SPONSORS FORUMS

Establishment of Facts Forum groups is to become a part of the yearly activities of a council for federated women's clubs in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Forum of the Omaha North Side Woman's Club—initiated by The Women's Inter-Club Council—"was so successful" this last year, writes Mrs. Sydney W. Riley, 3019 Whitmore Street, that "Facts Forums are to become the year's program for the American Citizenship Department" of the council. The council is composed of representatives from some 60 women's clubs in the city.

"I can suggest nothing better for club programs for interest and membership participation than Facts Forums," continues Mrs. Riley, past president of the North Side group.

The Omaha club women studied such issues as the Marshall Plan, the Pick-Sloan Plan, Genocide Treaty and proposed Alaskan Statehood.

"Following the study of the Genocide Congress," she says, "a letter was written to the General Federation of Women's Clubs president questioning the stand the Federation had taken endorsing this issue.

"The General Federation legislative chairman said this letter showed more thought than any received over the whole nation this year and invited the group chairman to speak on Genocide at the G. F. W. C. Convention in Minneapolis."

## COLORADO MAN IS SLOGAN WINNER

A Colorado Springs, Colorado, attorney is winner of the latest Facts Forum quarterly slogan contest.

William Q. Haney won the first prize award of \$64 with the slogan: "Sound acts are based on sound facts," which appears on the masthead of this issue of the *News*.

Haney attends the meetings of Forum Number Two in Colorado Springs. He is active in The Community Council. The Community Chest, The Colorado Springs Charter Association and other civic projects there.



That Forum bunch o'er on the ridge has sure got old Seth steamed up - he's abin alooken fer two days now fer them there hidden taxes them fellers wuz talkin bout ...

### News Bits

## NEW MEXICO FORUM FORMED; PLANO SETS UP LIBRARY

Another new Forum recently was formed in New Mexico.

Participants from the Forum at Lindrith, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Evans, journeyed to nearby Regina in northern New Mexico to help seven couples organize a discussion group there.

The Facts Forum group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Foster. A committee was appointed to contact the school board to ask for use of the high school for future meetings.

Participants at Plano, Texas, are setting up a branch Facts Forum library.

The library will be located in the insurance office of A. R. Schell, Jr., 1122 Fifteenth Street. Residents interested in Facts Forum asked for the library after hearing a speech by President Robert H. Dedman about the work of the organization before the Rotary Club. Plano is some 20 miles north of Dallas.

The Facts Forum television show over WBAP-TV in Fort Worth, Texas, took a recess on July 9, but will return to its weekly Wednesday schedule July 30 at a new time—9 p. m. Reason for the recess: television coverage of the national party conventions took priority.

The Toastmasters Club of Midland, Texas, is sponsoring the transcribed Dan Smoot talks over Radio Station KJBC each Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock, according to John R. Braue, club president.

Some 15,000 copies of a talk made by Co-ordinator Dan Smoot before the Life Insurance Managers Club of Dallas have been distributed by the club as a public service. The speech, entitled, "This Republic Is Yours," raises some of the pertinent issues facing America today and explains at some length the aims and purposes of Facts Forum. The address also was published by *Town North Magazine* in Dallas.

The necessity for "America Consciousness" was the topic for discussion recently by the men and officers of the Houston Port Security Unit of the U. S. Coast Guard Organized Reserve. Day Lindburg, co-ordinator of the Houston Facts Forum office, spoke. Lindburg also spoke recently before the Kiwanis Club at Bellaire, Texas, where the group discussed American problems in the Far East.

A new Forum was organized at Lancaster, Texas. Participants are youngsters of high school age, who meet in the public school library. David Simmons was elected temporary president.

### FACTS FORUM

(Results)

July 9, 1952

Yes %	
59	Should work stoppages be banned during military police action?
50	Should America concentrate on air power and de-emphasize ground troops?
90	Should the Executive be required to enforce laws vitally affecting national existence?
67	Is Russia out-producing us in the arms race?
75	Should the wage stabilization board be abolished?
37	Is U. S. lending to Tito good policy?
45	Should the voting age be lowered to 18 years?
67	Does the U. S. surrender too much sovereignty to the UN?
36	Should the U. S. promise East and West Germany national unity?
87	Should recipients of social security benefits be permitted to receive other earnings?
90	Should Congress pass the Gwinn-Fisher bill making labor subject to the anti-trust laws?
32	Should Alger Hiss' role in formulating the United Nations condemn UN?
30	Should the government develop more electrical power projects like TVA?
98	Was the U. S. right in stopping foreign governments from taxing us for aid we were sending them?
85	Should the Gossett-Lodge electoral reform amendment be enacted?



# THE CONTINUING DEBATE IN FACTS FOR

## AWARDS FOR LETTERS CONTEST Closing June 14, 1952

1st Award—\$64  
Medicine Controls

To The Colorado Free Press:

The May 28, 1952, Fact Forum poll posed the question, "Does compulsory health insurance differ from socialized medicine?" I should like to answer this question in the affirmative. The difference, however, is more apparent than real.

Compulsory health insurance is a program sponsored by, controlled by, and administered by the federal government. It is intended to force the individuals of this nation to accept a government tax withholding program ostensibly to pay for individual illness. The cost of such a government controlled program would be enormous and because of administrative inefficiencies the individual would receive in benefits only a fraction of what he actually paid in tax.

The individual would be forced to take part in the program whether he liked it or not. This program is an effort by certain power mad individuals to further control by force large masses of people and by such control to deprive the individual of the dignity of caring for their own future.

I answer this question in the affirmative but I say that it is different only in degree. It is the first step, the first wedge toward total control and dictation of this great nation.

If the medical profession is put under government control, which profession or trade or industry will be next? Now is the time to stop this vicious inroad of government supervision and control. Do not let the government propaganda fool you. What it would like us to believe is that the two are different but in practice compulsory health insurance will merely open the door and pave the way for socialized medicine.

PAUL G. du BOIS, M. D.  
311 E. Pikes Peak Ave.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2nd Award—\$56  
Answer From History

To The Amarillo Daily News:

"Should we start existing maximum military force in Korea?" As I read that Facts Forum poll question of the postal card the words swam before my eyes, blurred, and momentarily, I was lost in reverie. For a space History's proudest, most sublime moments came alive again.

I seem to see a shivering band of Continentals... George Washington... And then "Old Ironsides," rolling with her cannon salvos... Next "Marse Robert's" Gallant Greys before Gettysburg... San Juan Hill... Teddy Roosevelt and his peerless "Rough-Riders" writing a glorious finish... And then a bridge, with "Deaf" Smith burning it behind him, calling "no retreat" before joining Jim Bowie in deathless immortality in the flame... "Black Jack" Pershing swinging aloft at the head of his doughty AEF doughboys... Chateau Thierry... Soisson... And hardbitten Marine "Devildogs" sitting no quarter at Belleau Wood...

In quick succession there came a page of names, places, events... Eisenhower... Utah Beach... Patton and his Seventh Army... Another bridge at Remagen, with the 32nd Airborne clouding the sky... Anzio and the 36th... "Bull" Halsey... Midway... Coral Sea... Nimitz... And then, last, etched in rugged profile, clenched corn-cob pipe, Douglas MacArthur—the 20th century Lee... Americans all! Invincible in spirit, generous in victory, despising defeat.

Rousing with a start I was suddenly

aware that History had answered the Facts Forum question with a ringing "Yes!"

2524 Hudspeth,  
Dallas, Texas.

JIMMY HYLES.

3rd Award—\$48  
First U. S. Purge

To the Evening Republican (Columbus, Indiana):

The action of the Supreme court in the steel seizure case deserves the applause of every man and woman in the United States. It is destined to stir the apathy of Congress and lend incentive to members to exert and enforce their right to protect and defend the interests of the people of the 48 states who elected them, placed their trust in them and sent them to Washington for that express purpose.

This nation, politically, morally and intellectually, has come to a sad point in its history when one person can send the pick and choice of our youths to a slaughter, that even he refuses to call a war, and maintain that bloody orgy indefinitely while thousands of our sons perish...

We waited with bated breath to see if the steel industries were returned to their rightful owners and Harry S. Truman told that he can not seize private property without due process of law. We said that if they were not returned he could seize newspapers, TV, and our homes! And that shows how blind and mercenary we have become! Has he not already done that very thing?...

When the President reached into our homes and took what he wanted—our young minor boys—did he not seize our dearest possessions? Congress had voted no war and the President says there is no war—so in time of peace he used his "inherent rights" to confiscate our sons and our earnings...

Where are our "inherent rights" as free citizens, born in a free republic, under a government of our own making and under a constitution that clearly sets forth our rights as well as those of a president?... The constitution has, as precedent, our loyal acceptance for the entire life of our nation. What is wrong with us that we have allowed one man to violate such a revered document and set up his "inherent rights" to a "police action" in a foreign country when it should be called by far more fitting name—First U. S. A. Purge.

Is this purge any the less bloody that the cream of our youths was shipped to a foreign land to be slaughtered that their blood not be split upon our own soil and within our own sight? That blood demands restitution! Because we shipped vast loans and supplies into foreign nations and refused to even blockade the enemy ports we will make that restitution. It is unescapable—inexorable.

MARGARET OSMAN.  
RR 1, Box 108, Hope, Indiana.

4th Award—\$40  
Party Names Mean Little

To the Houston Post:

"Should the voter strictly support his party nominees?" That question seems to be asked more and more as we approach the national conventions. When studied logically the answer is unavoidable.

We must realize that when the United States elect a man to an office and not a party, political parties have lost the meaning that they once had. Party affiliation is a party from another age. The members of a political party seldom agree on the issues of the day. The present party we have men phreys and Richard B. Russell. In the Republican Party are Robert A. Taft and Charles McNamara. These men not only disagree but also, and more important, their fundamental ideals and ideas are completely different. How can a man support a nominee of his party with whom he disagrees while there are men in another party with whom he agrees fully?

Will hypocrisy become the madcap ruler of this country? Shall we become a nation of political schizophrenics? No! Each voter must support and vote for a candidate whose views he can respect regardless of the party tag.

WALKER JORDAN.  
6705 Wildwood Way, Houston, Texas.

5th Award—\$32  
Progressive Education

To the Times Herald:

Facts Forum asks the question: "Has progressive education improved the quality of instruction in our schools?" I say "yes" for the following reasons:

1. Progressive education is democratic in nature and offers the same opportunities to all the children, rich or poor.
2. Progressive education is based on individual differences among children; instruction is therefore provided for varying skills and abilities.
3. Progressive education encourages the child to think and read for himself; it builds informed citizens capable of living and working in a democracy.
4. Progressive education provides for the development of the whole child, physical, mental and moral. It teaches the fundamentals of health at all levels.
5. Progressive education requires better-trained teachers who have specialized in child study.
6. Progressive education provides opportunities for growing youth to learn usable skills which will help them make better producers and consumers.

MRS. SALLY SIMPSON.  
918 S. Myrtle, Denton, Texas.

6th Award—\$28  
Against U. N.

To The Times Herald:

The answer to the Facts Forum question, "Does the United States surrender too much sovereignty to the U. N.?", is that any sovereignty whatever is too much to surrender.

American boys are daily giving their lives under the flag of a group of rabble nations intent upon the complete destruction of American sovereignty, among them Soviet Russia. A senseless perpetual war is being waged to no conclusion in the name of that godless organization and Americans are paying for it in money, resources and blood. Any person who advocates that our nation can be reduced to equal sovereignty with such low civilizations as are in the majority of the United Nations is talking dangerous nonsense.

In the name of "NATO" we are now underwriting the cost of an international police force to be used to quell internal disturbances in European countries but we are told it is to "rearm freedom loving democracies"... American soldiers are soon to don a common uniform with British, French, Italian and even German forces...

We had better wake, now, to the fact that any national sovereignty relinquished is a step toward world totalitarianism.

J. MCCARTHY.  
1348 Highland Road, Dallas, Texas.

7th Award—\$24  
Parents' Job

To the Times Herald:

Facts Forum asks: Should parents turn over all responsibility for teaching to the educators? I should like to answer in the negative.

But I must say that from the evidence piling up in the courts it looks as if some parents have abdicated their part to the school. They are expecting too much of the schools, however, since the teachers have the children's minds only about one-third of the day and two-

thirds of the year. This isn't to make ladies and gentlemen of the students. Education is a continuous whether the parents are doing caring or not. The child is less it isn't from the parents then well be from improper sound probably improper things that more difficult for the schools to rightful job.

The basic truths are learned home from the parents. This is into which, through the education process, the seed is implanted. It is good and enriched through stewardship the seed can thrive it receives rich nourishment "growth and elements" implanted wise and understanding parent the parents fail only weeds and will result.

JOE VIL  
2901 Alabama St., Dallas, Texas.

Foreign Aid  
8th Award—\$20

To The Dallas Times Herald

In the summary of foreign aid United States we find that during past war period a total of \$32,000 was expended in net foreign giving of so much assistance country to others is unique history. Since the only way this can be raised is by taxation, even in the land is affected. Then a time when we cannot continue huge expenditures without seriously rupturing our own economy. Some money has gone to countries whose status is better than our own. This has declined in purchasing power half in the last 12 years. If we continue to perform as we have in 12 years and the dollar keeps on offended, a dollar will hardly be a newspaper. What then will position of those who are dependent upon their pensions?

J. STINEBA  
Farmersville, Texas.

AWARD FOR  
SLOGAN CONTEST  
Closing June 18, 1952  
(\$64)

William Q. Haney, 631  
Sheridan Avenue, Colorado  
Springs, Colorado—Sound  
Are Based on Sound Facts

CONTEST AWARDS

Letters to Editor for either side any Facts Forum poll question about Facts Forum. Send clipping your published letter showing and name of magazine or paper. test ends four days prior to close the poll.

Slogan for the following question. Each person may keep only one slogan in competition. When slogan is offered it remains in competition until withdrawn. Judgments last date prior to each calendar year. For best slogan, \$64.

Facts Forum poem or jingle. Judgments last poll date in April each year. October each year. 1st, \$64, and \$32.

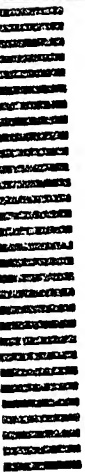
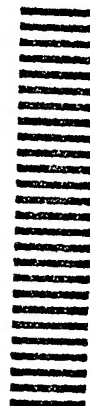
Facts Forum Song. Judgments poll date in April each year. \$300; 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$75; 4th, \$40.



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- Yes** ☐ **No** ☐
- ☐ Should we enlist foreign nationals in the U. S. Army for overseas service?
  - ☐ Should housewives be required to collect federal taxes from domestic servants?
  - ☐ Should salaries of law enforcement officers be increased?
  - ☐ Should industry-wide shutdowns be permitted?
  - ☐ Should the British have a more decisive role in formulating military policy in Korea?
  - ☐ Is the federal payroll large enough to endanger freedom in America?
  - ☐ Should all federal aid to the states be discontinued?
  - ☐ Should all farm price support programs be discontinued?
  - ☐ Is America's air warning and air defense system adequate?
  - ☐ Should federal employees be permitted to vote in national elections?
  - ☐ Should social security benefits be increased?
  - ☐ Have the great foundations promoted freedom in America?
  - ☐ Should American ground troops be used to resist Russian aggression any place in the world?
  - ☐ Should the steel industry agree to a union shop?
  - ☐ Should the United States have bombed hydro-electric plants in North Korea?
  - ☐ Should federal income taxes be limited to 25 per cent during peacetime?

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**FACTS FORUM**

July 30, 1952

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Information and Enlightenment

DALLAS, TEXAS

December 18, 1952

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Miss Gandy

Dear American:

Facts Forum is engaged in a diligent campaign to arouse and maintain in our citizenship that degree of interest in public affairs necessary for a people to govern themselves intelligently. It is a campaign to dispel the apathy and indifference which permit the destruction of constitutional government.

Efforts are being made to increase our radio broadcasts from a weekly to a daily schedule, and to expand the coverage from a State to a national network.

The Facts Forum News will carry a summary of pro and con arguments on current questions from the Facts Forum polls. These will be an important guide to you in seeking further information on issues vital to you and the nation. The Facts Forum poll reaches an ever increasing number. The quantity of books in the Circulating Book Plan is being increased by thousands. New discussion groups - Forums - are being organized.

An informed public opinion is far more important than a trained army in the defense of things American. Money spent to enlighten people will save expenditures in other and less expendable forms.

Facts Forum is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. You may become an investor in this program by giving from \$1 to \$25 as a Basic Contributor. Gifts in larger amounts are solicited to perpetuate Facts Forum.

The Treasury Department has ruled that Facts Forum, Inc. is an educational institution and that donations made to it are deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Make contributions payable to Facts Forum, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

This battle to preserve constitutional government is the responsibility - and the privilege - of all Americans.

We will appreciate your help.

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Cordially yours,

Dan Smoot, Coordinator  
Facts Forum

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FACTS FORUM, INC.  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Please find enclosed my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a voluntary contribution to assist in financing the Facts Forum campaign to stimulate interest in public affairs.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-13-53

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: FACTS FORUM;  
H. L. HUNT;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to letter from New York to the Bureau dated 2-27-53, bearing the above caption.

Mr. H. L. HUNT is widely known, due to his position as head of the Hunt Oil Company. He is reputedly fabulously wealthy, not particularly insofar as net assets are concerned, but rather because he supposedly has the largest individual income in the world, variously estimated at as much as \$5,000,000 weekly. References will be found to him in the Bureau's files

Mr. HUNT maintains several residences in the Dallas area, principally one known as Mt. Vernon, and maintains his general headquarters in the mercantile Bank Building.

Some years ago Mr. HUNT became imbued with the desire to assist the American people by a program of education and enlightenment which would make them aware of the problems of the day. He was reportedly personally concerned about the alleged socialistic trends of the national administrations in power from 1932 to 1952 and their alleged sympathy toward the Communist regime.

Mr. HUNT accordingly instituted an organization known as "Facts Forum" but tried to keep his influence in it hidden from the public view until just recently. The Bureau will recall that he employed former SA SMOOT, who is now his principal radio and TV commentator and moderator, and that he employed SA O'BRIEN in research and public contact work for the organization until O'BRIEN's transfer in recent months to the geological section of the Hunt Oil Company.

Since early 1952 Mr. HUNT has devoted a high percentage of his time to promoting Facts Forum, rather than his former practice of concentrating on his oil operations.

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The writer has had occasion to become acquainted with Mr. HUNT, who has talked to him at considerable length regarding Facts Forum. It might be noted here, however, that the writer has found it practically impossible to gain a proper understanding or knowledge to define the organization, since Mr. HUNT talks in a very vague, incoherent, and rambling manner, apparently assuming that everyone is so well acquainted with his project that he need not give any background to his current thoughts. He has advised the writer generally of his recent visit to New York and Chicago and indicated that the objective of that travel was to interest some associates in Facts Forum, so that he could put on a \$1,500,000 annually national weekly TV show along the lines he has promoted in the Dallas area with former SA HOWARD D. SMOOT acting as moderator with a panel of "experts" discussing both national and international bills.

On February 14, 1953, Mr. HUNT called the writer and advised that General GEORGE C. KENNY had just arrived in Dallas to give a speech in one of the large local auditoriums, sponsored by Facts Forum. He asked the writer and his wife to join with General KENNY in having dinner at his home that evening. During the course of the evening the talk was generally concerned with Facts Forum's objective of helping educate the public to know and to think with all the facts on questions of concern to the country. On the following day Mr. HUNT had a tea at his home, which the writer and his wife attended and which was otherwise attended by invitation by approximately 40 of the leading public figures in Dallas. The invitations mentioned only General KENNY and Facts Forum.

It may be of interest here to note that General KENNY, since his retirement, has been affiliated with the National Arthritis Foundation, which has as its objective inducing persons of means to finance research and treatment projects, such as those which have been undertaken for infantile paralysis and heart ailments. Several months ago General KENNY visited Dallas and visited in the writer's home in connection with a trip here to try to interest Mr. HUNT in the Arthritis Foundation program, but at that time General KENNY was not successful in reaching Mr. HUNT. Subsequently Mr. HUNT, although this was not publicly known, became extremely interested in contributing his personal influence and finances toward having General DOUGLAS McARTHUR enter the race for Republican nominee for President. In that connection Mr. HUNT traveled to New York and Chicago to talk with General McARTHUR, but found General KENNY ever present as McARTHUR's

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Re Facts Forum

front man. Mr. HUNT thereby became interested in General KENNY, apparently as a means of reaching General McARTHUR concerning the presidency, and ever since the presidential campaign has had frequent contacts with General KENNY.

On the basis of my personal friendship with General KENNY, there is no question in my mind but that General KENNY's interest in Facts Forum is solely to use it as a vehicle for maintaining his association with HUNT, for the purpose of eventually having HUNT finance a major project for the National Arthritis Foundation. In private General KENNY mentioned briefly to me that he is trying to outline a research or treatment undertaking of large enough proportions to gain the interest of a man like HUNT, since the latter is the type that, if his Facts Forum project wanes, will turn his interest to something else which he must think his own idea and worthy of his abilities. General KENNY was in Dallas on his most recent visit to make a speech on the evening of February 16, 1953, which was sponsored and financed with no admission charge by Mr. HUNT through Facts Forum. General KENNY advised me, however, that Mr. HUNT had not even suggested a topic and that he therefore was delivering a speech on matters of his own interest.

There is no question but that Mr. HUNT is violently anti-Communist and furthermore, he is almost equally rabidly anti-Socialistic and would not knowingly permit anyone on his payroll or associated with him whom he did not think to be of the same mind. His interests, however, since he came to Texas some twenty years ago have been so thoroughly absorbed with his development of his fabulous oil company that his worldly wisdom along other lines is probably not deep and in all likelihood persons who have gained his trust could easily divert the direction of his radio program. The background and identities of the persons associated with him in the Facts Forum, other than former SAs HOWARD D. SMOOT and R. DAVID O'BRIEN, are not known, and under the circumstances, it would not be discreet that any inquiries concerning them be made. The writer will, however, find out something about them and will communicate further with the Bureau in that regard at a later date.



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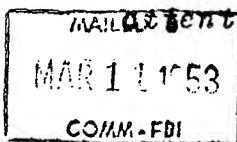
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FACTS FORUM  
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Reference is made to letter dated February 20, 1953, from [REDACTED] to the SAC, New York, a copy of which was forwarded to the Director.

Regarding H. L. Hunt Bureau files contain information that he was the victim in an extortion case in 1948. (9-16536)

Bureau files reflect Facts Forum was initiated in Dallas, Texas, in the Summer of 1951 and is designed to create interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs. It conducts public opinion polls and disseminates the results to the public. Mr. H. L. Hunt, a millionaire oil man from Dallas, Texas, is alleged to be financing Facts Forum as a hobby. (62-94811-2)

The above is furnished for your information in the event H. L. Hunt and Facts Forum are again brought to your attention.



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By letter dated 6/26/51 the Dallas Office furnished background information concerning Facts Forum and H. L. Hunt to the Bureau. (62-94811-1)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 2/27/53

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT AND FACTS FORUM  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas Office, there is attached a self-explanatory letter dated 2/20/53, received from [redacted] letter has been acknowledged.

A review of the files of the NYO reveals no information concerning Facts Forum or identifiable information on H. L. HUNT.

No action is contemplated by this office in this matter, and it is being referred to the Dallas Office for any action deemed advisable.

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New York 10, New York  
Dear [REDACTED]

*Dear*

I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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was recommended in a memorandum dated 7-14-51, captioned "Facts Forum [REDACTED] that we did not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way. (62-94811-4)

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The clowns  
are enough to worry  
about with this scare sheet

It isn't that I am one who likes  
to hide - I am one of the common  
people who would much prefer  
to be in the hands of a strong Communist  
than in the hands of a like clown who  
has no material value for good, money or  
anything else but the idea of the clown

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Don't know what is for the Govt  
leads to know - like what the facts  
Forum is trying to accomplish and  
believe me I would rather see my eyes  
than hear them reading all this sort  
of material that in a good sense could be  
labeled subversive - with the Committee  
Board not do any worse damage - (b)(6)  
Sincerely [REDACTED]

my City 10.

LEARN TO ACT  
UPON CONCRETE FACT

# News

VOL. 2 NO. 3

Official Publication of FACTS FORUM, Dallas, Texas

March, 1953

## The Pros and Cons

### "WILL RUSSIA A-BOMB AMERICA?"

DAN SMOOT: Can a situation be so grave that it is best ignored — or a threat to survival so serious that it should not be discussed?

Facts Forum thinks no, and, therefore, poses this question:

"Is America in danger of a fatal overnight A-bomb attack?"

#### Yes, In Danger

Here are some views of military authorities who, without saying it publicly, think yes:

An overnight A-bomb attack would be used, not as a softening up barrage to be followed by armies of invasion, but as a decisive blow aimed at killing in one night 20 million Americans — that being a liberally safe estimate of the number deemed necessary to destroy the nation's will to retaliate and resist.

The follow-through would be the establishment in Washington of a puppet government under an American quisling.

Since the Soviets would want the machinery of government left fairly well intact, they would not strike Washington.

The attack on the East coast would be made with V-1 type rockets, sneaked in close to shore on submarines carrying 12 rockets and 12 A-bombs each — each A-bomb capable of destroying all life (even to the cockroaches) within a radius of a mile and a half and producing lesser carnage beyond.

#### Russian Submarines

Two Russian submarines could handle the New York area. Under cover of darkness they would surface off Manhattan Beach (or some similar spot), assemble the rockets, trigger the bombs, and aim them with rifle-like accuracy.

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## Take a Bow

### A GENERAL AND A GOVERNOR PAY FACTS FORUM TRIBUTE

Facts Forum was host to two prominent Americans in Dallas during the last month — General George C. Kenney, former commander of the Allied Air Force in the Pacific and a retired four-star general, and Governor Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana.

Speaking at two separate public meetings during the same week, both Kenney and Kennon had words of praise for the Facts Forum organization.



"You have unlimited possibilities..." Governor Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana.

against corruption in his state. "It is our theory, like it is Facts Forum's," he added, "that if the people know what is going on in government they will make the right decision. A well informed public is the key to our problems.... I want to congratulate the officers and members of Facts Forum for their going on through with this project of presenting both sides on vital issues of our time."

"An institution like Facts Forum," Governor Kennon declared at a meeting of Jaycees and Facts Forum participants, "has unlimited possibilities. We in Louisiana are very much interested. I would like to see Facts Forum spread all over America."

Kennon told how in his race for the governorship last year he conducted a "civics book campaign"



Co-ordinator Dan Smoot introduces General George C. Kenney...

Air Force in the Pacific during World War II, gave his solution for ending, and winning, the war in Korea: utilizing Chinese Nationalist troops in raids on the China coast, bombing Chinese Communist supply lines, and blockading the China Coast. Such tactics, re-assured General Kenney, "would not advance World War II! one minute. That will be called by the Kremlin.... The day Russia is ready to strike they will not ask our permission or give warning, and it doesn't make any difference what we do in China."

"There are only two ways to get rid of a war: one is to win it and the other is to lose it...."

"I've been traveling around the country a lot and I hear an awful lot of people say they are afraid that if we actually moved to attack Communist China we might not whip them."

"We can lick China, or Russia — or any other combination — if Uncle Sam gets mad enough he can go out and lick anything."

The latter statement brought heavy applause.

Some other of the general's observations:

(1) "The Korean peace talks were doomed from the start. 'If we sign a piece of paper it wouldn't mean a thing. It would be just trading good signatures for bad. And we'd still have to keep U. S. soldiers in Korea."

(2) "We won't have a big walloping war in Asia. Europe will be the World War III battleground."

(3) The white man is "definitely through" in Asia, but the U. S. must halt the spread of Communism because the strategic area is so wealthy in basic resources that it must not fall to Soviet domination.

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Poll Closed February 25, 1953

- 14 Will the Soviets take over India before March 10, 1954?
- 37 Will there be an economic recession in 1953?
- 36 Are 40% or more business executives deceived into supporting organizations undermining freedom?
- 81 Should a full scale investigation of the State Department be ordered?
- 53 Do personalities in alarming numbers whose motive is neither profit nor power seek ultimately to destroy the free society in which they live and thrive?
- 29 Should the federal government continue to build housing units?
- 70 In committing recent atrocities, have the Soviets planned to please the Moslems?
- 77 Is a bi-partisan foreign policy best for the country?
- 49 Should Wilson to qualify for the Cabinet have been required to sell his stock?
- 12 Is widespread increased knowledge a serious threat to unity needed for a workable administration of government?
- 72 Should Spain be admitted to UN?
- 83 Should legislation be enacted promptly to restore the tidelands to the states?
- 46 Has unification of the armed forces increased efficiency and lessened waste?
- 42 Should the withholding tax law be repealed?
- 80 Can federal income tax rates be reduced?
- 781 Combined totals of percentages voting "yes."



**KENNON***(Continued from Page 1)*

Governor Kennon declared, "I think the people have gone on record for cleanliness and morality in government. One of the greatest things that ever happened in this country during the national election was that an issue was made of morality in government."

Governor Kennon said he became governor "without the blessing of the political powers that be." None of the political organizations was "on my side," he said.

Their problem in Louisiana, he said, was to rid government of favoritism and establish its conduct on a business-like basis. "Our proposal was to educate people to turn over the business of government to people who know business. And, by the way, I am glad to see the national administration is taking that turn. I think this country is in better shape along that line nationally, and certainly in Louisiana."

In Louisiana, they now have picked top "blue-ribbon" businessmen (whose only compensation is expenses) to head the various governmental agencies. Their job is to set policy; paid employees execute policy.

Governor Kennon made a few personal political observations: (1) "What the Democratic Party needs is a good candidate with a good platform based on principles as good as in Jefferson's Day." (2) "We (the Jeffersonian Democrats) should go to the 1956 Convention with just such a good platform." (3) and "nominate a man of the calibre of your fine, great governor (Allan Shivers)."

**A-BOMB***(Continued from Page 1)*

Three bombs would subdue Boston; two, Wilmington; three, Baltimore; two, Norfolk—a pattern extending nationwide.

One plane with one bomb each would take our advanced air bases in Europe, Africa, Iceland.

Intercontinental bombers would handle Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, Fort Worth.

We could not retaliate because, although we have the bombs, they are in the possession of civilian authorities who cannot use them. It would take an act of Congress to turn them over to the military. Moreover, our bombs are not assembled and cannot be kept constantly assembled because of deterioration. It takes a carefully trained team and time to assemble a bomb.

With the surviving population stampeding out of our great cities; communication and transportation systems disrupted; medical facilities, doctors, and nurses decimated; millions without adequate shelter, sanitation or food—chaos would reign.

**Sympathizers**

Communist sympathizers and trained Soviet agents already here would take over, hammering the theme that resistance is suicidal—that the only sensible thing to do is to come to honorable terms and set up an American government in Washington acceptable to Russia.

We could expect no help from abroad. The communists and socialists who have great power and influence in the governments and armies of Europe would be against us rather than for us. Even those who might be sympathetic towards us would be so grateful for having escaped this disaster that they would not risk bringing it upon themselves.

The Russians could do this job with 200 bombs. Being cautious, they will wait until they have 650. When will that be?

It takes us a long time to build an A-bomb plant, and production is relatively cumbersome, because of the elaborate precautions we must take to protect personnel. Do you suppose this slows Stalin down? So Ivan works in an A-bomb plant where he has no protection from radioactive materials? And so he blossoms out with skin cancer in two years and dies? So what? So Stalin has millions of Ivans to take his place!

**KENNEY***(Continued from Page 1)*

(4) "Indo-China is dynamite. In keeping with the Commie strategy to bankrupt the Allies, it is costing France more money to pursue that struggle than we have given her in Marshall Aid. She is losing officers in that war faster than she can turn them out in her academy."

(5) Indo-China is the key to Southeast Asia, a storehouse of tin and rubber, and the "rice basket of Asia." If Indo-China falls to the Reds, General Kenney predicted, so will Indonesia; then "Australia calls for help." Burma can go any day, he said; "Siam can be taken with a telephone call," and India is wavering.

"...We'd better start looking like a winner soon."

**First Bomb**

The Soviets exploded their first atom bomb three and a half years ago. The plant which produced it was turning out bombs at the rate of 50 a year by the end of 1949. In 1952, the Soviets completed their fourth A-bomb plant. Hence, we know they are now making 200 bombs a year—probably more.

Could the Russians mount such an attack without our intelligence finding out and warning us? Probably not more than 12 people in Russia would know the plan was under way. The very submarine commanders who would lead the assault would not know their ultimate orders until a few hours before the strike.

Our detection and defense system could not stop more than 3 per cent of the attacking planes. If we were forewarned and had the most effective system that an all-out effort could build, we could never stop more than 30 per cent of them.

Would the Soviets do it?

They must strike as soon as they can. They cannot hold their satellites, or even their own people, under a ruthless dictatorship without continued, successful acts of aggression.

**650 Bombs**

Once Russia has 650 bombs, can she deliver them?

While we have been thinking diplomacy, land armies and aid to reluctant allies, Russia has been thinking planes, submarines, and A-bombs. German rocket plants which our armies captured in World War II were turned over to the Russians, together with the experts to man them.

The bomb we put on Hiroshima was 40 million times more powerful than any other type weapon ever made before. And the Hiroshima bomb is like a baby's toy in comparison with the bombs being made today.

For the first time in history, a decisive weapon exists. He who shoots first, wins.

There is no effective defense.

It is not the will of America to start a preventive war, but instead, we could issue and enforce an ultimatum—requiring the Soviets to disarm immediately, thus eliminating their potential for destroying America.

Otherwise, there is no hope for the survival of Western civilization.

These are the views of those who think America is in danger of an overnight A-bomb attack.

**No, Not in Danger**

Here, on the other hand, are views of those who think not:

It is, of course, obvious to all informed people that the world is sitting on something worse than a powder keg. The destructive potential of atomic energy weapons is quite beyond human imagination.

Long after the first atom was split and the principle of nuclear fission had been proven, the scientists working on the development of atom bombs in America labored fearfully on a problem that had never before confronted munitions makers. The great problem with the atom bomb was not that of making it decisively destructive—but to control it, to keep it from destroying the entire earth.

The harrowing fear riding atomic energy scientists in the early days of the Manhattan project was that one atomic energy explosion might set off a chain reaction which would travel throughout the earth's atmosphere and cause the entire planet to erupt in a gigantic explosion.

In other words, man now has in his hands the power of converting the earth from a cold planet where life can exist into another sun. The hydrogen bomb is nothing more than man's reproduction of the explosion which occurs endlessly and in infinite numbers on the sun.

There is a second means by which atomic energy could be used to destroy all life on this planet. The only thing that protects life on earth from the cosmic rays which travel throughout space is the earth's atmosphere. One hydrogen bomb explosion vast enough to blow out or burn out for a split second a considerable portion of the earth's atmosphere would admit enough cosmic rays to destroy all forms of life on the globe.

**Awesome Facts**

Now obviously, if such awesome facts as these are known to us, they are known to the Russians. It is absurd to think that they would tinker recklessly with such weapons any more than we would. But, presuming that atomic energy weapons can be carefully controlled and used as instruments of war for knocking out one nation without destroying ment in the world (including the Russian government) would use such weapons in a surprise attack calculated to destroy millions of innocent civilians.

**FACTS FORUM**

March 6 to 25, 1953

**Yes No**

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However harshly we may think of Stalin, and however justified we may consider ourselves in looking upon him as a bloodthirsty tyrant—the fact remains that even Stalin could not remain in power without at least tacit support from the people governed. It is dangerous narrowmindedness on our part to assume that the Russian people are so bloodthirsty that they would support, or even tolerate, a government which would deliberately murder millions of people in an unprovoked act of aggression.

If we would examine the world situation calmly, we would realize that the Russian people fear war, probably even more than we do, because they have had it in their homeland and know its horrors.

The Russians are frantically building up their war machine and stockpiling atom bombs for the same reason that we are. They are afraid that if they do not have adequate defense, they will be taken over and destroyed by the enemy nations of the West.

### Tragedy Today

That is the tragedy of the world situation today. We are rushing desperately toward war, because we think the Soviets want it. They are doing the same thing, because of their suspicion of us, when, as a matter of fact, neither nation wants war. Russia needs no more territory and would certainly like to disarm and turn her vast energies toward solidifying what she has and building up the Soviet economy and proving that the great socialistic experiment will work. We, for our part, would like to disarm and do the same thing. Neither dares to do it, however, because of hysterical fear of the other.

For seven years, America was on the right track. At the close of World War II we recognized that the great expansionist drive of the Soviet Union was motivated by fear. We realized that our problem was to stop Russian expansion and, at the same time, allay Russian fears. It was a problem demanding an almost inhuman delicacy and wisdom. Yet the statesmanship of the western world devised an answer: the policy of containment. Beginning with the Marshall Plan for military and economic aid to Europe in the 1940's, America struck out as a leader on the path toward peace and prosperity. We poured out our great resources to build up the war-ravaged nations of the West and rim the great Russian empire with nations determined to work out their own destiny and preserve freedom.

### Put to Test

In Korea, we put the idea of collective security to the test and made it work. The theme of our policy of containment was simply this: we have no aggressive designs against Russia, and we have no real animosity toward her. We want to live at peace in the world with the Russians and permit them to develop their way of life as we develop ours. But we hold ourselves and the rest of the western world in readiness to meet force with force, wherever the Russians move, not for the purpose of taking anything away from them, but for the purpose of proving that aggression does not pay.

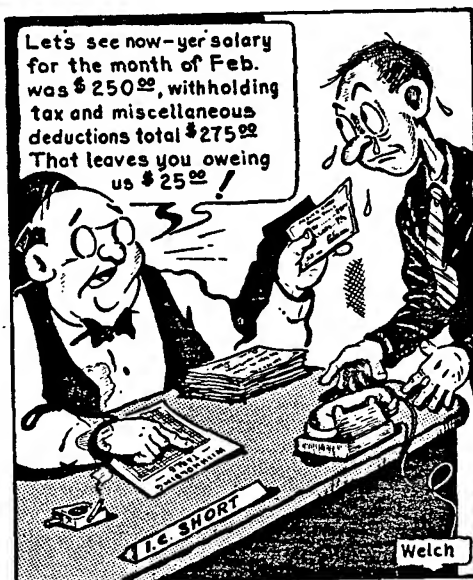
Korea proved this point to the Russians. If we had had the patience and wisdom to follow the Truman-Acheson policy of containment, we might today be emerging from the darkness that is engulfing the world.

America is in no danger from a Pearl Harbor type A-bomb attack from Russia unless we adopt a saber-rattling diplomacy which convinces the Russians that they must strike us before we strike them.

There, briefly, are the two sides of this picture.

Is America in danger of a fatal overnight A-bomb attack?

This is Dan Smoot with Facts Forum.



"Should the withholding tax law be repealed?" — February 25 poll — 42 per cent, "yes."

## THE McCARRAN-WALTER IMMIGRATION ACT

DAN SMOOT: Do you approve of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act?

### Those Who Approve

Here are some views of Conservatives who do.

Between 1790 and the close of World War I, something like forty million immigrants came to America and pushed across the continent in that miracle of human achievement known as the Westward movement.

America, at last, faced a problem that many had thought would never arise here—overpopulation.

Moreover—and perhaps more importantly—there was the problem of assimilation. As long as the great western frontier existed, America was an effective melting pot, where the intermingling of all kinds of people produced a new blend: an American.

But as the great frontier vanished and the problem of overpopulation arose, America rather rapidly started becoming not a melting pot but a polyglot stew of peoples—many of the newcomers remaining indigestible chunks in our population.

### Easy Prey

In every large city there developed great unsimulated nationality groups—people who retained the language, the customs, the mores, the outlook of the older societies whence they came. The second-generation products of these groups (feeling left out, cut off, and oppressed), became easy prey to racketeers, vice merchants, and subversive agitators.

Many of our twentieth century social, cultural, and economic headaches could have been avoided if Congress had recognized the problem earlier. If Congress had waited much longer to act, our society would have been totally submerged under a vast flood of immigrants from all over the earth.

This, indeed, is what has happened in the past to all prosperous societies when the gates were left open to hungry hordes who had not helped to build, and could not understand, the civilizations they took over.

The immigration laws of the 1920's were an attempt to control immigration—not only as to quantity but also as to kind. The quota system, based on the census of 1920, was intended to solve the problem of assimilation. Basically, it worked this way:

### The Proportion

If 40 per cent of the American population in 1920 were British by origin, then in the future 40 per cent of all immigrants were to be British; if 20 per cent were Germans, then in the future only 20 per cent of the immigrants could be German; if 20 per cent were Irish, then in the future only 20 per cent of the immigrants could be Irish; if 5 per cent were Italians, then in the future only 5 per cent of all immigrants could be Italian—and so on.

The disproportion in percentages was not based on any theories of racial superiority, but on a desire to maintain the population blend which had built the nation—on the historical fact that the British, the Germans, and the Irish did more than any other people to carve a nation out of the North American wilderness.

In the 1930's and 1940's the quota systems were set aside to admit great numbers of political refugees from all over the world. Some of this was achieved by special Congressional legislation, rammed through under pressure from minority groups. Some was accomplished by high-handed executive action on the part of Roosevelt and Truman, ignoring the laws of the land and the protests of Congress.

The McCarran-Walter Act (passed over Truman's veto in 1952), is not a hastily written law. Four years of intense research, study, and investigation went into it. It is a complete recodification and simplification of all our immigration and passport laws.

### Eliminates Discrimination

It eliminates any racial, nationality, and religious discrimination that had accrued during the years. It sets a top limit of 154,000 a year as the maximum number of immigrants who can be admitted, and divides this number into nationality quotas based on the census of 1920; and it is tough—very tough—on Communists, criminals, and other subversives.

This, basically, is what the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act does.

The law requires the careful examination of all persons entering the United States—whether they are coming for temporary purposes or for permanent residence.

This is admittedly a great inconvenience to the thousands who want to enter every day, but surely it is better to inconvenience them than to endanger the nation.

No foreigner has an inherent right to enter America. This is a political privilege which the people of this nation have a right to grant or withhold.

The laws of this nation are—or should be—designed to protect the people of this nation, and that is precisely what the McCarran-Walter Act does.

### Throw Doors Open?

Those who want to destroy the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act would throw open the doors of the United States to the Socialist hordes of Europe. They are not worried about the downtrodden peoples of the earth. They want to flood America with people who have been drenched by the Socialist propaganda of Eastern Europe—people who would swell the tide of Socialist votes in our great industrial centers.

This is the purpose of those who know what they are doing — the Americans for Democratic Action, whose aims and ideals are almost identical with those of the Socialist Labor Party of Britain; the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, an officially cited Communist organization; the National Lawyers' Guild, another known Communist front; and the Communist party itself.

### *The Gulliberals*

And, of course, rallying around these is the usual clique of innocent dupes who don't know what they are doing — the gulliberals — who have always done the work of the Communist party.

In the 83rd Congress and throughout the nation, there has already arisen a great hue and cry to repeal the McCarran-Walter Act.

Much tragic damage was done to the American Republic during twenty years while the American people slept. Surely America is awake now and will stand behind the McCarran-Walter Act, an important rampart against the subversive forces which would destroy American constitutional government.

### *Those Who Oppose*

So say Conservatives.

Here, on the other hand, are the views of Liberals who do not approve of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act:

The passage of this bill marks a new high watermark in American official bigotry and narrow-mindedness. Never before were so many barriers to new immigration erected, and never before were so many grounds laid for deporting Americans of foreign birth.

The contents of this anti-foreign bill were kept secret from the American people until Congress sent the measure to the White House. Many glowing reports concerning it had, of course, been printed in the nation's newspapers — most of these reports being rewrites from Senator McCarran's own press releases.

The gallant fight against the bill was led by Senators Humphrey, Lehman, Morse, Kefauver, Moody, Benton, and Douglas. These champions of real democracy and international understanding certainly would not have tried to defeat this bill if it had been a good one.

Actually, when they had an opportunity to study the legislation during debates on the Senate floor, they were shocked at what they found. They were able to force acceptance of 21 minor liberalizing amendments to the bill before McCarran drew the iron curtain and rammed the bill through the Senate by a vote of 44 to 28.

### *Specific Objections*

Here are some of the specific major objections to the McCarran bill:

(1) The bill puts foreign-born Americans in jeopardy of denaturalization and deportation (with or without formal hearings), by removal of the statutes of limitations provision which protects a person from conviction for an act committed years ago. Under this law, a foreign-born, naturalized American could have his citizenship taken away and be deported if it could be shown that he belonged to a subversive movement years ago, although he may be a perfectly good American today.

(2) The act puts native-born American citizens abroad in jeopardy of loss of citizenship and exclusion from the United States without notice or hearing.

(3) The bill gives vastly expanded powers to consuls, immigration officials, and the Attorney General, by making their opinions a basis for exclusion or deportation; and it prevents any judicial review of these opinions.

(4) It provides for deportation of political and religious refugees, and it reduces further immigration of such refugees.

(5) The bill places serious new obstacles in the way of international travel by citizens and non-citizens alike.

Many organizations interested in combating bigotry and in the protection of constitutional rights opposed the enactment of the McCarran Act and are now fighting to have it repealed. These organizations include nearly all religious and racial groups, the CIO, and most of the major A F of L affiliates.

### *Opinion Conclusive*

This bill, reversing all court decisions favorable to immigrants handed down during the past 23 years, sets up a formula which makes the opinion of a consul or an immigration official conclusive grounds for deportation or exclusion.

In the name of streamlining, the authors of this bill have eliminated the procedural due process which formerly guaranteed adequate public hearings for aliens subject to deportation, or naturalized citizens whose citizenship was being revoked.

As soon as this law was passed in June of 1952, President Truman, who had bitterly opposed it, set up a Commission on Immigration and Naturalization to study its effects. During the election campaign of 1952, both General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson took a firm stand against the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

The law went into effect on December 24, 1952; and, five days later, President Truman's commission, after hearing over 400 witnesses, made a report condemning the legislation — a report which represents a solidification of public sentiment against the law.

### *Public Repudiation*

At long last in this report there is public and official repudiation of one of the basic fallacies of our immigration policy — the national origin theory which has been embedded in our immigration law for three generations and is now carried forward and fixed in the McCarran Immigration Act.

The national origin theory has played havoc with our foreign relations, breeding resentment against us in foreign countries and making a mockery of our protestations that we believe in equality of opportunity for all peoples, regardless of race, color, or creed.

The bill violates the traditional American concept of free speech, free expression of ideas, and free pursuit of knowledge, by putting professors and other educators under the quota system. Formerly, such people could enter America with ease, enjoying a non-quota status.

In short, the McCarran Act represents a philosophy of fear, suspicion, and distrust of foreigners outside our country, and of aliens within.

### *Need Consistency*

Remedial legislation is needed — and needed at once — to wipe out the reactionary McCarran-Walter Act and establish an immigration policy consistent with American principles of freedom and equality for all.

So say the Liberals.

I have just given some views of conservatives who look upon the McCarran-Walter Act as one of the best and most generous pieces of immigration legislation ever enacted in America or elsewhere — and of liberals with an opposite point of view.

It would be fairly easy for you to get more information on this subject and make up your own mind as to whether it is good or bad for America.

It would be even easier for you to organize a Facts Forum discussion group and give yourself and your neighbor an opportunity to inform yourselves and express yourselves on all of the vital issues shaping the destiny of this Republic.

This is Dan Smoot with Facts Forum.

## EISENHOWER'S ORDER TO THE SEVENTH FLEET

DAN SMOOT: On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the United States Seventh Fleet to patrol the waters between Communist China and the Island of Formosa. The stated purpose of this order was to prevent the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai Shek from making raids against the China coast, and to prevent the Chinese Communists from making attacks against Formosa and destroying the remnants of Chiang's Nationalist armies.

This order remained in effect until February 2, 1953, when President Eisenhower ordered the American Seventh Fleet withdrawn.

Was President Eisenhower's order a step in the right direction?

### *Those Who Oppose*

Here are some views of those who think not:

The easiest way to determine that General Eisenhower's order is laden with dangers is to watch the reaction of statesmen throughout the United Nations world.

All of our Nato allies fear that America may overextend herself in the Far East and abandon her friends in Europe.

Now that Chinag Kai Shek has American approval to make forays on the China coast, the danger is very great that he may lead a force of his Nationalists into China, find himself cut off, and appeal to America for help. Then the free world will be put in the position of deciding whether to abandon Chiang completely or to accept an all-out land war in Asia.

### *Formosa Exposed*

Even if Chiang does not make some rash move against the China coast, Formosa is now exposed to attacks from the Communists. Formosa has been a thorn in the side of the Chinese Communist regime, and it is conceivable that Moscow may direct that this irritant be liquidated. Again, the free world would be faced with the choice between total abandonment of Chiang Kai Shek and total war in Asia.

In June, 1950, when the United Nations ordered that Communist aggression in Korea be met with force, people throughout the world were electrified with hope that the aggressive imperialism of the Soviets was at last to be checked by the unified efforts of free nations. The lofty principle of collective security was put to the acid test. And it worked. The United Nations, without setting off a third world war, has held Soviet imperialism in check on the peninsula of Korea, giving the Communists proof that aggression is no longer profitable. At minimum cost in men and material, the United Nations blocked the Soviet drive to gobble up all of Asia and gave the free world an opportunity to build up its own defenses.

### *Containment*

The moment when President Eisenhower made his momentous decision to pull the Seventh Fleet out of the Formosa Straits was the precise moment when he should have reaffirmed the wise and patient previous policy of beating the Communists in Korea without letting the conflict spread to the mainland of Asia. Reactionary, isolationist criticism of the United Nations has risen to a crescendo in America. President Eisenhower added fuel to this fire of hate which threatens to consume the United Nations — man's last, best hope for peace in the world.

President Eisenhower's action need not be fatal, however, if he will now demonstrate America's determination to keep the Korean conflict a police action rather than a war.

We should, first of all, check our feeling of impatience and frustration over the long and ineffectual truce negotiations and make it clear that we still stand ready to negotiate an honorable peace in Korea, and that we are willing to make an agreement on the prisoner of war question consistent with honor and international law. We should announce that we will not sanction any rash unilateral action on the part of Chiang Kai Shek, realizing that Chiang has been repudiated by his own people and that any effort on our part to reinstate him will so embitter the Chinese against us that we can never expect a peaceful settlement with them.

### Limited War

We should make it clear that we still regard ourselves at war only with Communist aggressors in Korea and not with the nation of China—which means that we should give China and the Soviets assurance that we still respect the territorial sovereignty of Manchuria and China and will not incur the hatred of the Chinese people by bombing cities and villages outside of Korea.

We should make it clear that we have no intention of interfering with the normal trade of the Orient by using our naval power to blockade China. This for two reasons:

(1) An American blockade of the China coast would be regarded by all Asiatics as an intolerable act of aggression; and

(2) By stopping the normal flow of civilian trade in the Orient, we would damage our friends more than our enemies.

To prove that we are moral and humane, we should positively assert that we have no intention of using our ghastly atomic energy weapons on the people of Asia.

In short, instead of saber-rattling in the Far East, we should reaffirm and doggedly follow the statesmanlike UN policy of meeting force with force, but standing ready to accept peace on honorable terms when the enemy is convinced that force will not pay.

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### Those Who Approve

Some, on the other hand, feel that President Eisenhower's order removing our Seventh Fleet from Formosa waters was a step in the right direction, but only a step. Here are some of the moves they think should logically follow:

To begin with, we should demand more help from the United Nations.

The United States is furnishing 90 per cent of the UN manpower and suffering 95 per cent of UN casualties in Korea.

We should request that all UN members who have recognized Communist China withdraw their recognition.

We ourselves should take moral and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union for assisting the enemy in Korea, and should call upon all UN members to do likewise—such sanctions to include the withdrawing of ambassadors to the Soviet Union and the expelling of ambassadors from the Soviet Union.

We should request that all UN members cease trade and commerce with the enemy in China.

### Korea a Deathtrap

If the UN fails to acquiesce in these requests of ours, we should admit candidly to ourselves what most of us already know: Korea is a deathtrap for American soldiers—a deathtrap designed by Russia and so operated by the UN that our men can neither win nor get out.

Let us then go it alone in name, as well as in fact, and end the Korean stalemate before it erupts into World War III.

By the farce of truce negotiations, the Communists saved themselves from total disaster in Korea. Yet some of us still cling to the naive belief that we can somehow end the Korean mess by peaceful negotiation.

As long as this absurd hope enters into any phase of our Korean policy we are dangerously deceiving ourselves.

After 20 years of turning the other cheek and being kicked in the teeth by the Soviets, surely we have learned that we can solve none of our problems by negotiating with them.

### Repudiate Agreement

It is a part of the Soviet creed that they will repudiate or twist any agreement they make, whenever such conduct serves their selfish purpose. It is, therefore, stupidly—if not criminally—wrong to base any plan on the expectation of coming to terms with the Communists. Our only hope for survival is to decide what is good for America and then do it with all the concentrated might of our nation.

With regard to the prisoner of war question (the most delicate of all our problems in Korea), our primary concern should be the rescue of Americans who are prisoners of the Communists. We cannot solve this problem, however, by bargaining with the Communists—by trying to work out some satisfactory deal for the mutual exchange of prisoners. The only way to get Americans out of Communist prisons is to win the war so overwhelmingly that we can tell the Communists what to do instead of haggling with them.

Every prisoner we hold should be given his choice of remaining loyal to the Communists or of fighting against them. If he wants to fight, he should be trained, armed, equipped, and put in the front lines.

### Utilize Orientals

We should use in combat positions all Orientals willing to fight the Communists. This for three reasons:

(1) To save our own men;

(2) To destroy the propaganda theme that America is leading a race war of whites against Orientals;

And (3) to encourage desertion and rebellion within the ranks of the Communists by demonstrating that they can effectively fight against their Communist tyrants if they wish.

We should impose an absolute blockade of the China coast.

We should make maximum use of our air power for strategic bombing of Communist supply lines, troop concentrations, and ammunition dumps supplying the Korean front, regardless of where these targets may be found.

And we should use atomic bombs or any other

effective weapons we have. Any who shudder at the inhumanity of this should try to envision the shattered bodies of American boys, sprawling grotesquely in muddy foxholes on the Korean front.

If it lies within our will, it lies within our power to destroy the Communist armies in Korea.

Would such a program extend the war?

### Already at War

China is already as much at war with America as China could possibly be. Russia?

The Soviet plan is simple: To hit us with killing force when they are ready—not before. For a long time Soviet conspirators in America have been softening us up for the kill. Worming their way into positions of power, prestige, and influence—in government, schools, colleges, churches, clubs, foundations, businesses, professional associations; manipulating thousands of starry-eyed reformers and do-gooders who imagine themselves progressive liberals; and, by treason, espionage, and all other crimes that would serve their end, they have been conditioning this nation for the final blow that would integrate it into the Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics.

Nothing we do in China or Korea will alter this basic Soviet plan—which was fully blueprinted in 1933 when we made our first mistake of giving the Soviets diplomatic recognition, and which has not altered since.

President Eisenhower was facing in the right direction when he ordered the Seventh Fleet to stop protecting the coast of Communist China.

### Bold Course

Now for a bold American course of action that will end the war, bring our men home, and perhaps give some hope to enslaved millions behind the Iron Curtain, some of whom must be bewildered by America's former policy of vacillation and appeasement of the Soviets!

I have just given you some pros and cons on one of the most controversial issues of our day. And what does this have to do with you, an individual?

Facts Forum is based on the idea that the individual American is an important person, as long as he is aware of his own importance. As long as he utilizes his intellect and energy to tell his government what he wants, he is doing his part to keep America strong and free.

You could serve yourself, your neighbor, and your nation well if you would organize a Facts Forum discussion group and give yourself an opportunity to inform yourself and express yourself on some of the controversial problems shaping the destiny of the world.

This is Dan Smoot with Facts Forum.

## FATHER TENNIEN INTERVIEW

DAN SMOOT: In lieu of my regular broadcast I am delighted at this time to bring you a brief, informal conversation with Father Mark Tennien, a Maryknoll priest who was born in Vermont and who went to China as a missionary in 1928—where he remained until November, 1951.



Father Tennen lived with the Chinese people through civil wars, bandit attacks, the Japanese invasion — and finally through the grim era of the communist conquest.

Here is a man who has been an eye-witness to the starkest tragedy of our times — the swallowing-up of a great nation by the awful barbarism of communism.

Father Tennen — just how did the communists manage to enslave a freedom-loving nation of 500,000,000 people?

FATHER TENNIEN: In China, the communists followed out the same system and the same schedule as they follow out in every country. They have a blueprint which is based upon the Russian blueprint; and it's also a blueprint for America; and they follow that out. It is well organized. They follow a time schedule. They follow it out from month to month, bringing in their new system and their new way of life. They have to do it gradually in the beginning in order to conciliate the people and get them well disposed to receive communism. They treat them very kindly. They even boast about this policy of deception and deceit.

Now this is to get the people to receive the communist doctrine — to receive their ways. Then, after the communists are there a month or two, you begin to realize that new regulations are coming out. Then it is discipline; it is terrorizing discipline that comes in. They make new regulations, little and large, and they insist that everybody follow them out.

#### Initial Indoctrination

MR. SMOOT: This initial indoctrination is done among the intellectuals primarily?

FATHER TENNIEN: No, no. That's done *before* — before the communists come in. When they once get power, then they gradually pick up all the intellectuals and all the leaders and put them in jail. So now, they are preparing to indoctrinate the whole mass of people under their regime and they don't worry about the intellectuals, because when they once get into control they put the intellectuals in jail, and most of them, of course, are liquidated and put out of the way. I saw that going on when I was in jail where we had from 12 to 15, or sometimes even 20 every day, taken out to be shot.

MR. SMOOT: You were in a Chinese communist jail, Father Tennen?

#### In Communist Jail

FATHER TENNIEN: Yes, I was in a communist jail for three months, and I was under communist house arrest for a full year.

MR. SMOOT: How did they treat you in jail?

FATHER TENNIEN: They treated me just like all the other victims of communism. It was pretty rough. We had to live on two bowls of rice gruel a day. The cell that I was in had 39 other prisoners, so we were pretty crowded. We each had about a foot and a half on the board platform, and during all that time, we were indoctrinated *ourselves*. I had seen this indoctrination system going on before amongst the people. But now, I had it injected into me, so to speak, and I had to take the full indoctrination course when I was in jail.

MR. SMOOT: From morning until night?

FATHER TENNIEN: From morning until night, we had classes. I saw it going on for the people when I was under house arrest, because they took the chapel over and they used that as a meeting hall; and I saw the people learning the songs and listening to the lectures and shouting the cheers and the yells and the slogans. Then, when they put me in jail, as they did a whole group of foreign missionaries, they also made me take that indoctrination course.

So I had it from beginning to end. I had to learn it. I had to follow out the course, and I had to pass the examinations or else I just wasn't permitted to eat.

MR. SMOOT: Have the Chinese people actually accepted communism and hold to it as a faith, believing that it is the way of the future; or has it simply been thrust upon them by force so that they must accept it?

#### Outward Acceptance

FATHER TENNIEN: They have accepted it only externally because they have no alternative. When the communist organization comes in, they tie up everything. They have their men, their commissars, and their political members distributed throughout the countryside and in every village. They have their spies in every village. They have their soldiers parading through every village to watch for any shadow of disagreement with the communist regime. Therefore, the people are terrorized before long. They see the liquidation going on — the murders, the suicides. They see the cruelty; they see the punishment; they see the people marching off to jails. Therefore, they are completely intimidated, completely terrorized, and completely enslaved. The people can't do anything to resist because the communists did take the precaution of getting all the arms away from the people. Even bird guns were called in, and they had their soldiers go out and demand and force every gun that was out among the populace; so the people are completely disarmed, completely helpless and enslaved and terrorized and brutalized. Therefore, they have no way out but to accept this communist system.

#### Stamp Resistance

MR. SMOOT: Once the communists get into control they just brutally stamp out all resistance?

FATHER TENNIEN: All resistance. And they are watching for any shadow of disagreement with their regime.

MR. SMOOT: How did you manage to get out, Father Tennen?

FATHER TENNIEN: Well, I got out of China, I think, because the communists do not want any foreigners there. They have thought control, press control. They have control of actions, control of travel, control of everything under the communist regime, and, you see, when a foreigner is there, it is a voice that they cannot control. Now this is the reason. They do not want to kill foreigners. That causes too many complications, and they want recognition by United Nations and by foreign nations. Therefore, they treat us with a slight amount of deference. Still, they want to get us out. They want to get rid of us because we are a voice there that they cannot control, and they must control every person's mind as well as every person's actions and completely intimidate them. Now they did not want to martyr us, you see?

MR. SMOOT: Yes.

#### Public Trials

FATHER TENNIEN: If they martyred us, they would leave an object of esteem and something that the people would remember and look up to. Instead, they do this: They trump up charges and they cause public trials to be instituted against you; and then, with their propaganda and with their harangues and with their songs, they incite the people to a psychological pitch of mob frenzy and get some accuser to get up and say what crimes you have committed and all the things that are against you. Of course, the charges are all false, but that doesn't make any difference. Then they harp upon them and exaggerate them to the people in order to make you a discredited person; then they escort you out and get rid of you as an undesirable criminal. That's much better, you see, than making a martyr of you, because they have this propaganda for their home consumption. They can tell the people, "Well, we've gotten rid of a spy; we've gotten rid

of a murderer; we've gotten rid of this great criminal and, therefore, our regime will go along better."

MR. SMOOT: Father Tennen, you recently wrote a book, *No Secret Is Safe Behind the Bamboo Curtain*, I believe.

FATHER TENNIEN: Yes, that's the whole story of what I saw for two years under the communist regime. I put in there chapters about the land reforms, about the purges, about the cruelty and the economic status today, in order to give a story from an eye-witness of just what goes on under communism. Here in America we know it only in theory. We think that it might be a good thing. Many of our intellectuals are taken in. But it's an entirely different story when you see it yourself and go through it yourself.

MR. SMOOT: You touch on something there that is remarkably interesting to me. Do you see any similarity between the attitude of the American people today and the attitude of the Chinese people prior to the communist conquest?

#### Sees Indifference

FATHER TENNIEN: I see a great similarity. I saw the thing grow and take over in China, and I know the dangers and I know the indications and I've seen those same things going on right here in America. And the thing that discourages me most, of course, is that in all these lectures, in all these writings, in all these radio programs, I find so much indifference. The American people don't seem to care about it and they don't seem to worry about it — it's too far away. I think that's the great danger. That's the thing the communists play upon. That's the thing they're building upon — complete indifference. The communist officers told me there in China: "America is asleep. They don't know what is going on. Look at the way we're advancing. Look at the number of nations we've taken over since 1945, and America's doing nothing about it." Well, when they throw that in your face, then you realize America is certainly indifferent — it's one of the great reasons for discouragement that I find here.

MR. SMOOT: That is a sobering thought. Do you think there is any danger of America's succumbing to communist control as the Chinese did?

#### Easier in America

FATHER TENNIEN: I think it would be much easier here in America. China was a disorganized nation. China has few communications. China is not as advanced as we are in a material way, and they are not organized. The Chinese people are a disorganized people, so I think it would be much easier to take over here in America than it was in China. Now, I saw them do it in China; I saw them tie up these people, the disorganized mass of people who had never acted as a nation, but had acted only as individuals prior to that time. I say it would be much easier right here in America. We have things organized, we have communications, we have radio, airplanes, and everything else that makes it so easy to impose a new system on a nation, once it is enslaved. And unless we wake up to the dangers right here — we see them in the United Nations, we see them in the government, we see them in the communications and radio and newspapers and every other place. The communists try to get control of all media which will help them to prepare the people for communism. They are quite successful, I would say, from the number of fellow travelers that are being exposed and the number of pro-communists that we are finding by all our congressional investigations. I think it is a very, very grave danger. It is of great concern to me (and it should be to every American) that there is so much communist underground activity right here in America — and we are doing so little about it.

MR. SMOOT: Many Americans today feel that the whole picture has been exposed and that we need not worry any more because it's all out in the open. But you obviously feel that there is still danger.

**Danger Is Great**

FATHER TENNIEN: Yes, I agree with Mr. Hoover, our FBI man, when he said that the danger is just as great as ever and could erupt any time. Mr. Hoover says that the communists still have great power here in America. Their external activities may be suppressed for a while, but still that great organization, that great underground, is operating. They are a dedicated group; they have zeal, they have discipline, and they are all terrorized.

MR. SMOOT: They're not indifferent?

FATHER TENNIEN: No, they're not.

MR. SMOOT: What can we do, Father Tennien—we Americans?

FATHER TENNIEN: Well, there are many things we can do. We are taking up the crusade as individuals. I'm taking it up. The Facts Forum is taking it up. Other groups are taking it up. But it's got to be attacked on a larger scale. I think the government and the churches all ought to go into some definite program to overcome this danger to our American way of life, because if it comes in here, our freedom goes, our religion goes, everything that we hold dear certainly will go.

MR. SMOOT: I'm sorry that we could touch only some of the highlights of this awesome tale. As to whether it could happen here—Facts Forum believes that the soul of liberty is still living in America; but, if it is to remain alive and vibrant, it must be asserted by a people willing to inform themselves and express themselves.

This is Dan Smoot with Facts Forum.

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

ANNOUNCER: It is Facts Forum time. Facts Forum—a nationwide public educational venture dedicated to arousing public interest in important current events and stimulating individual participation in public life—each week at this time brings you transcribed Dan Smoot with a review of vital problems confronting the American people. Tonight, in co-operation with Facts Forum, the Penrod Drilling Company is presenting this program, taking advantage of this means to point out the vital services which Penrod offers to the oil industry.

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We will hear more about Penrod later on, but now here is Dan Smoot.

**Those Who Say Yes**

DAN SMOOT: Is there a subversive movement in the public schools? Here are some views of those who say yes:

The thing wrong with modern education is its philosophical basis.

America's national life was begun with a statement of philosophical idealism: "We hold these truths to be self-evident." We did not say that good and evil are relative—that conduct is good or bad depending on circumstances. We held that there are absolutes by which human conduct could be measured.

Yet the theories of modern education rest on John Dewey's pragmatism which is the opposite of philosophical idealism.

Pragmatism holds that there are no self-evident truths, no absolute good or evil—that all values are relative. Pragmatists say that whatever works at the moment is good; whatever doesn't work is bad.

One odd result of this is the attempt to grade children not on learning but on progress.

Pragmatically speaking, if you put a chimpanzee in school and in four years teach him to say "cat," he will graduate at the head of the class, because certainly his progress has been more remarkable than that of the brightest child.

**Total Development**

Modern educators claim that the schools should look after the total development of the whole child—which leaves little for the family, or the church, or other social forces to do.

The modern school, trying to embrace everything, manages to carry nothing. Education in the primary grades was once concerned with drilling children in an understanding of the basic tools of learning: spelling, reading, English composition, and arithmetic. On the secondary level, educators directed adolescents in utilizing these tools to acquire some knowledge of history, geography, literature, the physical sciences—in short, of the culture which produced them.

Nowadays, it is old fashioned to drill children in anything. They get a smattering of ignorance about everything in what is called the "integrated curriculum."

Grammar, reading, spelling, writing, speaking, literature, and listening are all likely to be integrated into something called "language arts." Integrated under "social studies" are geography, history, civics, citizenship, and democracy. Is any child ever taught that America is a constitutional Republic with a central government of limited powers—that it is not, was never intended to be, and (God willing) may never become a democracy?

**Promise of Help**

Some claims of modern educators are appealing. What practical American could argue with an educational system which promises to help youngsters get ahead in the world; which is under the guidance of the powerful National Education Association; and which has the uncompromising support of such publications as *McCall's Magazine*—quick to label all criticism as an "attack" or "smear" and all critics as fools, fascists, or reactionaries?

The fact is, however—philosophy and morals and *McCall's* aside—that modern education is a failure in its own context. Large numbers of public school graduates cannot spell or figure or write a decent English sentence or use the alphabet well enough to be good filing clerks. They are ignorant of the elementary facts of their country's history, and completely muddled about the rest of the world.

The drive toward giving public schools total responsibility for total education is part of an historical force which is centered in Russia and which, for 30 years, has been pushing the world toward statism and a universal leveling of mankind—a force which destroys the power and importance of the individual while exalting the group and the state. Hence, the emphasis on group adaptation, group activities, and group discipline in the public schools. In some modern schools, if one child misbehaves the whole class is disciplined. This avoids an undesirable emphasis on individualism and makes all the children group-conscious.

By and large, individual teachers and principals are our most devoted and pitifully underpaid group of public servants. It is remarkable that they do so well in such a system.

**Collectivism Drift**

The twentieth century drift away from individualism and toward collectivism accounts for an unmistakable philosophical similarity between the theories of modern education in America and the theories of education in Russia. This similarity explains why many modern educators were easy dupes of the open Communist line in the 1930's—

and of the same line today, more subtly disguised as the philosophy of economic planning.

Take a look at a book called *Schools for a New World*, which is the 1947 yearbook of the American Association of School Administrators. This book suggests an all-around increase of the functions of government and recommends a shift from educating individuals in their own right to educating them for the service of society. Compare that with Stalin's dictum that the purpose of public education is to train the individual to serve the state.

Unquestionably, much of modern education has had the subversive effect of battering down the safeguards of tradition and undermining American individualism, which is our only real guarantee against tyranny. How much of this has developed according to plan and how much of it just happened is probably an academic question. But there are questions to which parents could find clear-cut answers.

Do you think it wise to surrender to the state total responsibility for the total education of your child?

How many school textbooks speak favorably of the enormously expanded functions of government during the past 20 years?

Has your high school youngster learned anything about the basic principles of our American constitutional system?

Are school policies controlled by law?

Who elects the people who make the laws?

Now, there is a question which goes to the heart of many of our problems.

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So run the arguments of those who think there is a subversive movement in the public schools.

**Those Who Say No**

Here, on the other hand, are views of those who think not:

The great free, public school system in America is in grave danger—not from the so-called subversive activities of a few teachers and educators—but from the attacks and smears of sinister persons and organizations who are trying to destroy the public schools. Under the guise of fighting communism, self-constituted committees of misguided citizens and super-patriots are attempting to discredit the teachers and administrators of our public schools and pave the way for an educational program that suits their own personal prejudices.

Falsehoods about the public schools are inspired by the activities and printed material of certain organizations that make a business of using a legitimate public fear of communism to promote illegitimate, selfish objectives.

These enemies of the public school system go back 20 years and more to quote the fears and worries of people in a depression. They are trying to scare the American people into overthrowing the world's only free public schools. They are trying to frighten teachers back into old-fashioned, autocratic methods of teaching that quell individuality and initiative. They are trying to prevent a much-needed expansion of public school facilities and a much-needed increase in teachers' salaries. They are more interested in their bank balances than in America's children.

### No Support of Charge

No investigation that has been made supports the charge that the public schools are riddled with subversives. Communism is no more common among teachers than it is among the rest of the population. Most teachers love America and do not like communism. Most teachers are religious. They do church work. They belong to veterans' organizations. They vote; and they do teach American history and the veneration of American ideals.

They are not the tools of a subversive educational hierarchy. They are not trying to re-design America into a socialistic state. The only design they have on America's children is to help them develop their personalities and abilities in all ways possible.

Criticism of the way in which the three R's are being taught is unjustified. Today, reading, writing and arithmetic are taught better than ever before. Today's pupils do better in the field than their parents and grandparents did. The modern American public school, which considers the child's individual interests and capabilities, does an excellent job of preparing boys and girls for life in our great democracy.

### Need Debate

All this is not to say that reasonable discussion of the methods and goals of public education is unnecessary. These are matters that need debate among parents and teachers and all who are genuinely interested. Every good educator knows that scholastic standards could be raised. But the wave of irresponsible attacks on public education that have struck across the nation in recent months have so undermined confidence between parents and teachers that intelligent discussion has been all but paralyzed.

Much confusion has arisen because of the textbook inquisition. Any sensible person recognizes the risks in allowing youngsters a wide range of reading material. But the risks are not as bad as censorship that smacks of fascistic thought-control. Textbooks have been loudly criticized as socialistic simply because they refer, however impartially, to communism, TVA, or New Deal legislation. The attackers demand that facts about these things be suppressed or that they be actively opposed. The critics argue that the child shouldn't learn that the American way of life may have failed in any way. They charge that certain schoolbooks advocate social change, when in fact, the books simply record an enormous growth in government activities during the past 20 years. Science, history, civics, economics and other courses must reflect current developments if they are to keep young people in touch with the times. Most of the books that have been loudly condemned as subversive have been found, upon careful examination, to be essentially unbiased, impartial and fair. No other products are as carefully scrutinized as textbooks. Publishers, teachers, reviewers—all screen them. Such cumulative reading makes any concerted attempt to indoctrinate socialism through schoolbooks almost impossible.

### Suspicion

It is not claimed that textbooks, school curricula, and the modern techniques of teaching are perfect. Healthy criticism of public education is an indispensable part of American democracy. But the present frenzy of unreasonable attacks on the public schools, their teachers and administrators, is only leading to a situation where every man begins to eye his neighbor as an enemy.

I have given briefly some conflicting views and opinions—of those who think there is a subversive

movement in our public schools and of those who think not. Facts Forum tries to focus attention on such controversial issues as this in order to create public interest in them. Facts Forum believes that if all such questions could be brought into the arena of public debate for full, free, and fair discussion, there would result an informed body of public opinion capable of answering them. That is why Facts Forum is encouraging Americans everywhere, of all views, to organize Facts Forum discussion groups, vote in the Facts Forum polls, utilize the Facts Forum free circulating book plan—in short, to engage in Facts Forum's campaign against public indifference.

This is Dan Smoot with Facts Forum.

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## Reports from Forums Here and There

"We've had some lu-lu's," says Jack Thompson of the discussions held by Facts Forum Number One, sponsored by the Wranglers' Club in Shreveport, Louisiana. "In our debates, we first always take a vote on a question posed by Facts Forum. After we get through discussing, we take another vote. The interesting thing is that we have shown decided shifts of opinion after these discussions. Our debate time is limited to 20 minutes per question and we usually discuss four or five every evening."

The Wranglers' Club, established by Shreveport businessmen as a discussion group some 12 years ago, recently incorporated Facts Forum in its activities. Members meet the first Monday evening of each month at the YMCA.

Thompson, who is helping other Forums get started, says he thinks Facts Forum "is going to do real fine in Shreveport." Recently, Thompson and other Facts Forum participants, Ashley Sibley, and Edwin Malone were guests of Dr. Leroy Vogel, professor of history at Centenary College, on his radio program over KTBS, "The Shreveport Forum." They debated proposals to place a ceiling on income taxes. Thompson reports that members of the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, J. Milton Edwards Post, have individually set themselves up a Forum group, which will start meeting regularly in March at the Municipal Auditorium. Another group is scheduled to be organized by individual members of the same post. Radio Station KTBS in Shreveport carries the Facts Forum radio program, and the First National Bank there is sponsoring advertisements in the city buses, displaying results of Facts Forum poll questions.

The Public Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, was the scene for the first meeting of a new Forum in that city. Facts Forum enthusiast Arthur Mills, 815 Spruce Street, helped the group organize. Mills, incidentally, was a recent winner in one of Facts Forum's predict-the-poll results contests. Mills reports their first topic for debate was the Facts Forum question, "Should the McCarran-Walter Immigration Control Bill be repealed?" "We are getting quite a lot of interest," he says.

Company, 418 Market Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, Telephone 3-1601.

### FF NOTES

President Robert H. Dedman of Facts Forum Co-ordinator Dan Smoot and other Facts Forum enthusiasts are pictured in the March issue, Page 104, of *Holiday Magazine*.

Al McGinty, head of the New Orleans office Department of Commerce, and Cliff Ganus, member of the New Orleans Port Commission, said on a recent visit in Dallas that they planned to help organize Forums in New Orleans. The nucleus of organization whence the Forums will be formed is the Institute of Governmental Affairs.

If you would like to assist in the campaign to combat indifference toward affairs of government make your check payable to Facts Forum, Inc., and send it to Facts Forum, Dallas, Texas.

You may earmark the funds to be used for Television, Radio, Instruction, Books, or All Expense. The U. S. Treasury Department has ruled that contributions to Facts Forum are tax deductible.

"We certainly need the information and enlightenment throughout this city that Forums will give our people."

In Utica, New York, members of the Business and Professional Women's Club have organized two discussion groups; and nearly all of the B&PW members are on the Facts Forum mailing list. The discussion groups utilize the Facts Forum poll card questions for their roundtables. Mrs. Gertrude Proctor is president of the club, while Miss Gladys Moore is chairman of the international relations committee. Both are leaders of the Facts Forum groups. As a result of the efforts of these participants, Radio Station WIBX, Utica has scheduled the Facts Forum radio program.

When you organize a Forum, or add new participants to your Forum, please send in names of participants to Facts Forum, Dallas, Texas, in order that they will receive the monthly mailing and that our headquarters can keep an accurate record.

"This is to report that Facts Forum activities are going strong here in Detroit, with new members coming into the fold every day," writes Roy Stanton, 16522 Ohio Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Stanton, onetime slogan winner, adds, "I am very enthusiastic about it, because it means more people are caring about the importance of what is happening in the nation, and the world. Stanton's group meets once per month. Among topics that have caused the most debate are Korean war, the tax situation and the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

First meeting of a new Forum in Springhill, Louisiana, was held last month, writes Walden Chastant, temporary president. "We have progressed to the point of electing officers," he

## Facts Forum Wins Freedom Award

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION  
Valley Forge  
Pa.

February 20, 1953

Mr. Dan Smoot, Coordinator  
Facts Forum  
Dallas, Texas  
Dear Mr. Smoot:

It is my privilege in behalf of our distinguished 1952 National Awards Jury, composed of Chief Justices of state supreme courts and officers of national patriotic and service clubs to say:

Congratulations! In our general category, Facts Forum's News Slogan Contest has been awarded our George Washington Honor Medal and \$100.00.

Announcement of all awards will be made from Valley Forge on Washington's birthday. Regional award presentations are being planned for March and April. You will be notified of the time and place of the awards in your area . . .

Sincerely,  
Kenneth D. Wells  
President

## Praises 'Freshness In Mental Swamps'

(Dick Stiller of WBAP-TV sent this letter along, one he calls a "scrapbook gem." The writer refers to Facts Forum's "simulcast" — simultaneous broadcast and telecast of a panel discussion — over WBAP and WBAP-TV.)

Mr. Dan Smoot  
Moderator, Facts Forum  
WBAP-TV  
Fort Worth, Texas

February 6, 1953

Dear Sir:

A revelation! A minor miracle? If nothing more, it was surely a most wonderful surprise to first encounter your local televised FACTS FORUM last Sunday evening on Channel 5. Congratulations are due to everyone in cooperation with your program devoted to the enlightenment of the public on current international, national, and local problems; fighting the predominate spirit of apathetic thinking and encouraging freshness in the murky mental swamps of many. This introduction of FACTS FORUM into my home was due, however, merely to a "twist" of fate. I wonder how many others miss this enjoyment because of a one program paralysis? Could you possibly request that each of your fans mention this discussion and its origin during the week and perhaps inspire thousands more each Sunday to hear and see your broadening program?\*

I would like a copy of your last program and if possible, include me on the list of those you send copies to each week. Also any other informative pamphlets or bulletins available through FACTS FORUM would certainly be appreciated.

In H. A. Overstreet's *The Mature Mind* the following with relation to the average American's attitude toward government is quoted: "Providence looks after children, drunkards and fools with silent miracles and other esoterica and continues to suspend the ordinary rules and take care of the United States of America." Any and all efforts made to disprove the sordid but semi-sound insinuations made here warrant the appreciation and cooperation of all citizens. I give many thanks to you, WBAP-TV and to all contributors of the combined efforts involved in presenting the public with FACTS FORUM.

Very sincerely yours,  
Allen H. Sanders  
3103 Wingate  
Fort Worth, Texas.

\* (FF Note: Each fan could inspire many to find and listen to the Facts Forum simulcast, as Mr. Sanders suggested.)

## Poll Voting On Issues Before Congress

Recent government action abandoning price and wage controls has carried out the sentiment of Facts Forum voters expressed consistently in public opinion polls for the last two years.

As far back as June, 1951, voters have been expressing opposition to controls. On that poll date, 51 per cent answered "yes" to the query, "Should control prices on cattle and beef be abandoned?"

And this is the way voting went on subsequent polls:

Yes %

- 11 Nov. 1, 1951 Should the Federal Government establish a permanent wage and price control policy?
- 12 Nov. 22, 1951 Should the Federal Government establish a permanent wage and price control policy?
- 82 Jan. 2, 1952 Should O.P.S. controls over goods that are plentiful be ended?
- 61 March 5, 1952 Should price and wage ceilings be discontinued?
- 28 May 28, 1952 Should price controls be extended June 1?
- 65 Aug. 20, 1952 Should credit controls on housing be completely lifted?
- 15 Sept. 10, 1952 Should a special session of Congress be called to enact stricter price controls?
- 61 Dec. 31, 1952 Should price and wage controls be discontinued immediately?

On the question of the tidelands, an issue which seems certain of resolution with restoration of these lands to the states, the February poll vote was 83 per cent in favor of state ownership, exactly the same percentage as registered back in September, 1951, when the issue was first raised by a Facts Forum poll.

## Welcome, New Stations!

Facts Forum welcomes these additional radio stations, who recently joined the ever-growing number of stations throughout the nation in carrying the Facts Forum radio programs, featuring the recorded talks of Co-ordinator Dan Smoot:

KALT, Atlanta, Texas; KPET, Lamesa, Texas; KVOC, Casper, Wyoming; KOA, Denver, Colorado; WBNF, Binghamton, New York; KWBU, Corpus Christi, Texas; WIBX, Utica, New York; KREM, Spokane, Washington; KCSJ, Pueblo, Colorado; KSST, Sulphur Springs, Texas; WJPR, Greenville, Mississippi; WTJS, Jackson, Tennessee; KFXD, Nampa, Idaho; KSUE, Susanville, California; KWHK, Hutchinson, Kansas; WRUF, Gainesville, Florida; KLEA, Lovington, New Mexico; WNDE, New Orleans, Louisiana; KVET, Kerrville, Texas; KIUN, Pecos, Texas, and WCAW, Charleston, West Virginia.

The voting on other issues current before Congress at this time includes:

### Yalta Agreements

Yes %

- 78 May 28, 1952 Should the United States declare the Yalta agreements void?

### Immigration

- 25 Jan. 28, 1953 Should the McCarran-Walter Immigration Control Bill be repealed?

### Farm Supports

- 19 Feb. 13, 1952 Should the farm parity support prices be continued?
- 57 July 30, 1952 Should all farm price supports be discontinued?
- 43 Jan. 28, 1953 Should farm price supports be maintained at 90% of parity?

### Hawaii Statehood

- 68 March 26, 1952 Should Hawaii be given statehood?

### Atom Spies

- 74 July 31, 1951 Should the crime of advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence be a capital offense?

### Budget

- 93 Jan. 28, 1953 Should 1953 Federal spending be kept below \$73 Billion?

### Filibuster

- 61 Aug. 20, 1952 Should Senate debate be limited only upon a two-thirds vote?
- 78 Jan. 28, 1953 Should a two-thirds vote be required to limit Senate debate?

### Communism in Schools

- 78 Oct. 22, 1952 Has Communist thinking infiltrated our schools and colleges?

### Bricker Amendment

- 83 Dec. 3, 1952 Should the Bricker amendment, specifying that no treaty or executive agreement shall alter or abridge the U. S. Constitution, be adopted?

### FEPC

- 50 Oct. 18, 1951 Should Congress enact legislation setting forth the policy of the Federal government in support of human rights for every person in the U. S. regardless of race, color or religious beliefs?
- 40 Nov. 1, 1951 Should Congress enact legislation setting forth the policy of the Federal government in support of human rights for every person in the U. S. regardless of race, color or religious beliefs?
- 11 Aug. 20, 1952 Should a compulsory federal FEPC law be enacted?

## What Can I Do?

Some newspapers may not consider the results of the Facts Forum polls to be news. They will know of your interest if you call or write them for the results.

Send questions for the Facts Forum poll.

Assist in discussion group programs.

Please encourage your friends who read Facts Forum books to pass the book on during the prescribed time limit in order that the Facts Forum circulating plan will not be defeated.

You can help Facts Forum find radio sponsors. Ask advertisers or the management of your favorite radio station to listen in on a Facts Forum broadcast or get a tape recording to audition a program. It has been proven that a little effort on the part of a Participant culminates in scheduling of the program.

Tell your friends which newsstands are handling *Facts Forum News*.



## WINNERS IN LETTER CONTEST

Closing February 25, 1953

First Place  
TIDELANDS BILL NOW

To the Amarillo Daily News:

The question is asked should legislation be enacted promptly to restore the tidelands to the states?

My answer is yes. As in the case of Texas ownership of its tidelands, it won its independence from Mexico in 1836 and became an independent republic and established its coastal boundary at three marine leagues or 10½ miles into the Gulf of Mexico. When it joined the Union in 1846 and became a state it made treaties with the United States and its coastal boundary of 10½ miles into the Gulf of Mexico was established by the U. S. Congress.

Texas held undisputed ownership of its coastal lands for more than one hundred years and the coastal lands of Texas and some other states became valuable in minerals.

So the New-Fair Deal administration disregarded the treaties and act of Congress that established the states' boundaries and sought to take possession of the state's property.

The several states have already lost considerable revenue from their lands through this unjust seizure besides the expense of trying to recover their property. It should be returned to them at once.

When we consider government ownership of an estimated 24 per cent of the nation's land and 27 billion dollars worth of industries in competition with free enterprise it is time that something should be done about it.

J. KENT.

Electra, Texas

Second Place  
BALANCED BUDGET

To the Dallas Times Herald:

Facts Forum asks: Can federal income tax rates be reduced?

The practicability of reducing income or excess profit taxes in 1953 is hardly conceivable under existing economic conditions. Our first consideration should be to balance the budget. This is going to prove difficult, in view of the recession in prices and the possibility of a lower taxable income. Essential government spending requires the government income to be maintained around \$70,000,000,000. This would be impossible should we arbitrarily reduce taxes.

Frugality will have to be practiced in all government expenditures, and foreign aid cut to a minimum in defense requirements, to enable us to balance the budget. Unified co-operation between the government, all segments of business and the people, will determine how well our economic affairs will be managed in this crucial stage of transition of our economy from government-controlled wages and prices to our traditional "free enterprise."

ED H. PATTON.

518 West 12th Street, Dallas

## APRIL POLL

Your questions or suggestions for questions for the next month's poll will be helpful to the Facts Forum poll committee. Please send us new questions or your picks of any of the following:

Have Communists subverted the U. S. overseas information program, Voice of America? — Does



**COLORADO FORUM.** — Members of Facts Forum Number One in Colorado, gather around the tables in the Garden of the Gods Club for another bi-monthly discussion meetings. Here, Mrs. James Manella (far right), is shown as her opinion on the President's Cabinet appointments. Dr. Paul DuBois is president Schwartz, vice-president, Mrs. Reel C. Davis, secretary, and Orville Suhre, treasurer meets the first and third Wednesday night of each month.

PRESIDENTIAL CABINET MOVIE  
TO BE STUDIED BY FORUM

By Mrs. Reel C. Davis

Colorado Springs, Colo. — (Special) — Because of the excellent job of research by two of its members, Colorado Springs Facts Forum Number One is a better informed group on the personalities, background and past political record of each of the members of President Eisenhower's new Cabinet.

At the February 4th meeting of 43 members and guests, a very interesting discussion on the functions of each of the Cabinet offices was led by John Armstrong and Dr. Robert Mendenhall who divided the names of the Cabinet members between themselves.

Biographical information and the political record of each appointee were given. Opinions expressed by national observers about Cabinet members were reviewed, and some of the problems facing each were pointed out.

Eisenhower's "get tough" foreign policy increase the danger of war with Russia? — Should U. S. actively encourage forces of liberation in Russian satellite countries? — Would re-patriation of all POW's end the Korean conflict? — Should tariffs be abandoned? — Can we depend upon our Allies for vital assistance? — Is Communism in South and Central America a threat to Western Hemisphere defense? — Should the 27 billion dollars worth of government-owned industrial plants be sold to private individuals? — Should capital punishment be abolished? — Should the term of office for members of the U. S. Supreme Court be limited? — Should Communists' beliefs be allowed the protection of free speech and political beliefs as provided by the Constitution? — Should immunity be granted to some witnesses before Congressional committees to overcome refusal to testify based on self incrimination? — Does the present softness in the commodity market indicate a trend? — Has the U. S. government taken all reasonable and desired action in the William F. Otis case? — Should the FBI be given responsibility for world wide intelligence and counter-espionage? — Should an ex-President become an ex-officio adviser to the President?

Group discussion was lively after the tion by Armstrong and Mendenhall, and census of opinion was that the President whole, had made good appointments. It was the fact that Senator Taft's recommendation not been considered might create some conflict within the party. Some of the present felt that selection of this Cabinet was the greatest gamble in President Eisenhower's career.

A resolution was adopted by the group Facts Forum Number One devote programs to keeping members posted on news and actions of this Cabinet during the year. John Armstrong, Dr. Robert Mendenhall and Colonel H. Gerdes were appointed members for the purpose of making bi-monthly reports on the Cabinet.

## Other Letter Winners

3rd — "Investigations," Idaho Fr  
ADELBERG CORNELL, Middleton, Id  
4th — "Foreign Aid," Dallas News,  
SMITH, 714½ Main, Gatesville, Texas  
5th — "Immigration," Shreveport Times,  
L. M. BROOK, Route 1, Box 80, DeR  
isiana.

6th — "Wilson in Cabinet," Dallas  
GREER, Corsicana, Texas.

7th — "Charles E. Wilson," Houston  
CAMPBELL, 1204 Clay, Houston, Tex

## Predicted Exact Poll Results

R. P. KIMMEY,  
6611 Hillcrest, Dallas  
MISS MICKIE GAREE,  
Arkansas High School, Texarkana, Ark.

## CONTESTS

Future awards, except annual award replaced with citations accompanied by

Membership Recruiters — Five citations be awarded to those securing the most new existing or new Forums. List of new addresses should be sent in with contest

Letters to Editor — Judgments on the letters, written to editors of newspaper magazines about either side of a Facts Forum, regardless when posed, or about Facts Forum. Send clipping of your published letter date and name of newspaper or magazine ends the day the poll closes.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6-8-53

FROM : SAC, Dallas (62-2038)

SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT;  
FACTS FORUM;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gearty
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Sizoo
Miss Gandy

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Remylet 3-13-53 to the Bureau, copies of which are being transmitted with copies of this letter for the New York and Chicago Offices, in view of the frequent travel by HUNT to New York and Chicago in connection with his Facts Forum program. This letter is submitted for your information and that of the SACs addressed because of H. L. HUNT's vast wealth, his personal acquaintance with such persons as General DOUGLAS MCARTHUR and General GEORGE KENNY, and his efforts to gain affiliations with his Facts Forum organization by financial and press leaders in New York and Chicago.

The writer's contacts with financial, banking, and business leaders have disclosed that H. L. HUNT is personally thoroughly disliked in this area, and it is common knowledge that he is the only financial leader in the area who will not contribute to charitable and other eleemosynary organizations.

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[redacted] telephonically contacted the writer and in a bombastic manner characteristic of him asked, "Do you want to investigate H. L. HUNT?" After appropriate comments from the writer [redacted] "calmed down" and asked that I stop by his office at the earliest convenience. Shortly thereafter [redacted]

[redacted] contacted me and suggested that I let him fix an exact time for a visit to [redacted] as he had been in the latter's office at the time of the call and knew the facts. This was done and the writer subsequently called on [redacted] accompanied by SA [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has no hesitancy in stating that he personally dislikes Mr. HUNT, but that in addition he has made a point of securing pertinent available information concerning HUNT, because he suspects that HUNT has ulterior motives.

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Chicago

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in building up Facts Forum into a national radio and TV coverage propaganda organization. He pointed out that it is obvious from even casual listening to the Facts Forum programs that they are biased and not impartial as claimed and that they are, therefore, in his opinion not within the purview of the Federal income tax exemption rules whereby Mr. H. L. HUNT does deduct and not pay income tax on the vast amounts of money he spends on Facts Forum.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following information, which he stated is easily subject to proof. He advised that Mr. HUNT, many years ago, was a professional gambler and operated prostitution activities in Arkansas; that he acquired title to oil rights through these activities, and the oil rights, which were located in East Texas, turned out to be in the center of the fabulous East Texas oil discoveries and are the basis for his present wealth. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. HUNT presently operates what amounts to a private horse-race and gambling bookie establishment within his office in the Mercantile Bank Building in Dallas and that he has several employees whose sole functions are maintaining extensive records and analyses of performances of horses and handling Mr. HUNT's huge daily bets.

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He stated, however, that these facts are offered merely as a side-light and as aggravating circumstances as to why he feels HUNT is not the type of person who should be permitted to influence the public, as he is patently attempting to do through his Facts Forum organization.

[REDACTED] I appreciated his confidence in furnishing this information to me and through me making it available to the Director for his guidance, should he be brought into contact with Mr. HUNT or Facts Forum operations, but that none of the matters came within the purview of the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI and therefore we could not and would not institute any action based upon the facts. [REDACTED] that since he had had time to consider the matter after his impetuous telephone call to me, he fully realized that, but that as a matter of interest he would inform me of any developments.

It might be noted with regard to my letter of reference that the coverage by Facts Forum has greatly increased in the past several weeks and the organization now claims weekly outlets through several hundred radio and TV stations and, from the information which has come to me, it appears that instead of one nationally financed operation, Facts Forum is securing sponsorship by individual companies, each of which finances a 15-minute program with

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its own name used for the spot commercials at one or more stations throughout the country and that the program is prepared at Facts Forum headquarters in Dallas and sent "canned" with the commercial to the particular station.

It might be further noted that since the contacts Mr. HUNT made with me in the early months of this year, at which time he complained against the Council of World Affairs, the Foreign Policy Association, and generally of persons in New York and Chicago who were engaged in anti-Communist programs because they all "seemed to be against him" and at which time I informed him that none of his comments were of such nature as to justify investigation by the FBI, he has discontinued his calls and I have not had personal contact with him since early March, 1953.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 15, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

Facts Forum

SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT  
Information Concerning

Tolson  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Belmont  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Harbo  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Gearty  
Mohr  
Winterrowd  
Tele. Rm.  
Holloman  
Sizoo

## SYNOPSIS

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[REDACTED]  
H. L. Hunt, a Texas oil man, was contributing funds to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Director requested a memorandum on Hunt for this reason. Bufiles reflect H. L. Hunt is head of the Hunt Oil Company with offices at 700 Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas. He is reputed to be one of the wealthiest oil men in Texas. Hunt is the founder of "Facts Forum" It was organized in Dallas, Texas, in the summer of 1951 and is designed to create interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs; it conducts public opinion polls. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot heads and operates "Facts Forum." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] H. L. Hunt was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Dallas, Texas, in January, 1952, and at this time expressed his opposition to anyone who is too tolerant to Communists. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hunt reportedly was a professional gambler years ago and operated prostitution activities in Arkansas. Presently, he is reputed to be the operator of a private horse race and gambling bookie establishment within his office in Dallas. [REDACTED]

## RECOMMENDATION:

None, for information of the Director.

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

July 15, 1953

DETAILS:

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Bureau files reflect that H. L. Hunt is head of the Hunt Oil Company with offices at 700 Mercantile Building, Dallas, Texas. He is reputed to be one of the wealthiest oil men in Texas. He organized "Facts Forum" in the summer of 1951. It is designed to create interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs. It conducts public opinion polls and disseminates the results to the public. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects which materially affect the ability of the earth to support life such as soil conservation, mineral wealth conservation, water supply, etc. Mr. Hunt allegedly finances "Facts Forum" as a hobby. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate "Facts Forum." Smoot began working for this outfit on June 25, 1951.

[REDACTED]

It was recommended that we do not cooperate with "Facts Forum" in any way. (62-94811-2).

H. L. Hunt was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Dallas, Texas, in January, 1952, in connection with the alleged irregularities in the general election, State of Maryland, November 7, 1950. The investigation concerned the campaign of John Marshall Butler who was seeking the office of Senator from the State of Maryland. His opponent was the incumbent Senator Millard Tydings. Hunt advised he had contributed \$5,000 to the Butler campaign fund. Mr. Hunt stated that he considered Senator Tydings to be entirely too tolerant of Communists to be considered a worthy official for the United States government. Mr. Hunt pointed out that he supports various candidates in connection with their campaign for re-election and stated that he attempted to support a good candidate against a bad candidate where he considers that the preservation of America could be helped. (56-975-60).

Bureau files reflect that H. L. Hunt was the victim in an extortion case in 1948. (9-16536).

Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

July 15, 1953

H. L. Hunt of Dallas, Texas, was one of the defendants in an antitrust case in the early part of 1950. The attorneys for the defense demanded documents in the possession of the Attorney General. The Supreme Court of the United States upheld the District Court's decision that the documents should be turned over to the defendants. No further action was taken in this case after the Supreme Court's ruling. (60-3104-104).

A letter from SAC J. K. Mumford, of Dallas, Texas, to the Director on June 8, 1953, contained the following information:

(b)(6) [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SAC Mumford and requested an interview. [REDACTED] supplied the following information to SAC Mumford.

[REDACTED] the "Facts Forum" radio program organized by Mr. Hunt is biased and not impartial and is therefore in his opinion not within the purview of the Federal Income Tax Exemption rule whereby Mr. H. L. Hunt does deduct and not pay income tax on the vast amounts of money he spends on "Facts Forum."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

July 15, 1953

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information which he stated was easily subject to proof. He advised that many years ago, Mr. Hunt was a professional gambler and operated prostitution activities in Arkansas; that he acquired title to oil rights through these activities. These oil rights turned out to be very valuable and are the basis of his present wealth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Hunt presently operates what amounts to a private horse race and gambling bookie establishment within his office in the Mercantile Bank Building in Dallas.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subj: H. L. Hunt

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Supervisor

Room 4236

Subj: H. L. Hunt

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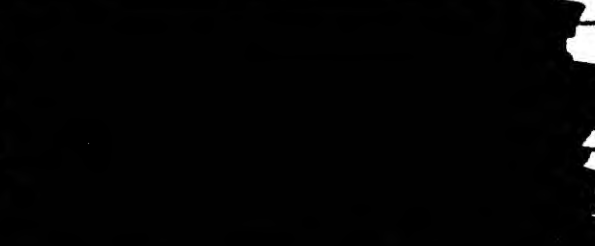
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 20, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*0 Facts Furnish*

With reference to your call this morning inquiring whether H. L. Hunt was the oil man who years ago offered a large gift to a school if the school pledged itself to exclude "any person of African or Asiatic origin," you are advised that the Director had in mind one Judge George W. Armstrong. Armstrong made the offer to Jefferson Military College of Natchez, Mississippi. He was an extremely wealthy oil man from that state. (Time Magazine, November 7, 1949, p. 40).

RECOMMENDATION:

None, for information.

Tolson  
Ladd  
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Belmont  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Dallas (62-2038)  
 SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT;  
 FACTS FORUM;  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING.

DATE: July 23, 1953

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Gearty	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Mr. Sizoo	
Miss Gandy	

There is being enclosed herewith an article which appeared in the Dallas Morning News on this date concerning Facts Forum, and setting out details of the agreement of Facts Forum with the Mutual Broadcasting System for a program to begin August 11, 1953 at 8:30 PM CST.

For your information HUNT has been contacting various public relations organizations in New York City and has made the statement to one of his employees that he intends to publicize Facts Forum throughout the country by means of a top flight public relations organization in New York, regardless of the cost.

The above is being furnished for your information.

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Agreement for the production of the weekly "Facts Forum State of the Nation" over Mutual radio was signed by Robert H. Dedman, Facts Forum president, left; Hubert Rice, Mutual vice-president, center; and Bert Hauser, Mutual vice-president.

## *Facts Forum to Present State Governors on New Program*

"Facts Forum State of the Nation," weekly half-hour radio program featuring a different State Governor each week, will be presented over the Mutual Broadcasting System, beginning Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 p.m., Dallas time.

Each Governor will be interviewed by outstanding newsmen of his state. In line with Facts Forum's policy of impartiality, a political opponent of the Governor will be on hand to question the featured guest and be questioned himself.

The programs will be sponsored jointly by Mutual and Facts Forum, which hopes that the national program will result in

formation of local groups over the nation to discuss national issues.

"We have but one purpose," said Robert H. Dedman of Dallas, president of Facts Forum. "That is to promote the widest public debate and airing of the issues so that the people may be armed with knowledge to prevent the encroachment of totalitarian forms of government in America."

The advisory group of Facts Forum includes Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Gen. Hanford MacNider, Gov. Allan Shivers, Dr. Francis P. Gaines, Lloyd E. Skinner, John Wayne, W. G. Vollmer, B. A. Hardy and Gen. Robert E. Wood.

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# Stanton Printing Company

## ... the Register



Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
J. M. CORNWELL	_____
EDITOR	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
B. J. CORNWELL	_____
MANAGER	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Stanton, Nebraska	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____

Nov. 10, 1953.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

During recent weeks my newspaper has been the recipient of many pamphlets and much printed matter bearing the label, "Facts Forum" of Dallas, Texas.

We in the Midwest are not alerted to the possibility of subversive activity and therefore know little of what organizations are considered "Red fronts" by your bureau.

Would you be so kind as to advise me what, if anything, the F.B.I. has on "Facts Forum" as to its pro or anti-Communist stand?

ack 11/16/53

Very truly yours,  
*J. M. Cornwell*  
J. M. Cornwell.

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November 17, 1953

Mr. J. M. Cornwell  
Editor  
The Stanton Register  
Stanton Printing Company  
Stanton, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Cornwell:

I appreciate very much the interest which prompted your letter of November 10, 1953.

While I wish it were possible for me to help you, I deeply regret that I am unable to comply with your request inasmuch as information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. As you are no doubt aware, the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not draw conclusions or make evaluations concerning any individual, organization or publication.

I am sure you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of service either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent requested information from FBI files concerning the publication "Facts Forum" of Dallas, Texas.

Note: In June 1951, the Dallas Office submitted background information concerning "Facts Forum" which apparently is financed by (see note next page)

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Mr. J. M. Cornwell

November 17, 1953

Note: (Continued)

H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. The organization was organized during the summer 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects. Former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate "Facts Forum."

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[REDACTED]

It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951 captioned "Facts Forum" [REDACTED] that we not cooperate with "Facts Forum" in any way. (62-94811-4).



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 30, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT  
REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING EX-AGENTS

H. L. Hunt, the wealthy Texas oilman and originator of the radio program and publication "Facts Forum" telephonically contacted the Director's office at 4:15 p.m. and was referred to DeLoach in my office.

Mr. Hunt indicated that he is desirous of building up the circulation of the publication which concerns Facts Forum. In this regard he contemplates moving offices of the publication from Dallas, Texas, to Washington, D. C., in the very near future. The office will be staffed by 13 to 14 stenographers and one or two office managers. Mr. Hunt stated he desired that the Director, if possible, give him the names of two or three Agents, or, if the Director did not want to recommend any ex-Agents, the names of several men in the service of the FBI at this time, who might be willing to accept employment with the H. L. Hunt Company as Office Manager of "Facts Forum" in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hunt indicated he would be in Room 1032 at the Mayflower Hotel for approximately three days and he desired to interview any prospective applicants at the Mayflower Hotel in the event the Director had any recommendations.

DeLoach advised Mr. Hunt his request would be made known to the Director and he would be contacted in the near future.

ACTION:

It is recommended that we call Mr. Hunt back and advise him recommendations come to mind at this time. This stand is believed desirable on the basis of the many political entanglements which Mr. Hunt engages in. Affirmative action on the part of the FBI with respect to his request might cause Mr. Hunt in the future to indicate that his employees were recommended by the FBI.

Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Mohr

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Mr. Tolson

March 30, 195

L. B. Nichols

**H. L. HUNT  
REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING EX-AGENTS**

H. L. Hunt, the wealthy Texas oilman and originator of the radio program and publication "Facts Forum" telephonically contacted the Director's office at 4:15 p.m. and was referred to DeLoach in my office.

Mr. Hunt indicated that he is desirous of building up the circulation of the publication which concerns Facts Forum. In this regard he contemplates moving offices of the publication from Dallas, Texas, to Washington, D. C., in the very near future. The office will be staffed by 13 to 14 stenographers and one or two office managers. Mr. Hunt stated he desired that the Director, if possible, give him the names of two or three Agents, or, if the Director did not want to recommend any ex-Agents, the names of several men in the service of the FBI at this time who might be willing to accept employment with the H. L. Hunt Company as Office Manager of "Facts Forum" in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hunt indicated he would be in Room 1032 at the Mayflower Hotel for approximately three days and he desired to interview any prospective applicants at the Mayflower Hotel in the event the Director had any recommendations.

DeLoach advised Mr. Hunt his request would be made known to the Director and he would be contacted in the near future.

**ACTION:**

It is recommended that we call Mr. Hunt back and advise him no recommendations come to mind at this time. This stand is believed desirable on the basis of the many political entanglements which Mr. Hunt engages in. Affirmative action on the part of the FBI with respect to his request might cause Mr. Hunt in the future to indicate that his employees were recommended by the FBI.

cc: Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Mohr

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## FAC FORUM

### Radio Program

Number 122

#### Anti-Communism

ADAN SMOOT: Is communism strong enough in America to do serious damage to those who fight communism?

Let's look at both sides, reviewing first the arguments of some who say yes.

On November 11, 1919, the American Legion Post of Centralia, Washington, marching in parade, was ambushed and machine-gunned by members of an organization which was the forerunner of the Communist Party. Four legionnaires were killed. This incident jolted Americans into a realization that subversive activities within the United States had grown to a clear and present danger.

It also taught the communists a lesson: treachery is a better tactic than fanatic forthrightness. The communists discovered that do-gooders and gullible innocents who like to call themselves liberals could be used more effectively than machine guns to destroy anti-communists.

From that day to this, every effective anti-communist in America has been abused, humiliated, slandered, driven out of public life, or hounded to death—not by the open efforts of the communists, but by the great, respectable, and powerful liberal forces following the Communist Party line.

In 1920, A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, with the help of a young attorney in his department, J. Edgar Hoover, was rounding up subversive aliens. Trying to protect the United States, and operating with scrupulous regard for due process of law, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hoover were widely condemned because they dared to arrest communists.

The attacks on J. Edgar Hoover have never stopped.

The case against Alger Hiss, as a traitor to his country, was beyond doubt in the public mind primarily because of the magnificent work the FBI had done in the case.

Shortly after Hiss was convicted of perjury, a respected publishing house got out a book by Merle Miller, called *The Sure Thing*, a collection of half-truths, outright lies, and nasty innuendoes designed to show Mr. Hoover's FBI up as a kind of silly imitation of the Nazi's Gestapo.

About a year later, in 1950, when the Supreme Court decision again brought the awful meaning of Hiss's communist treason into the public consciousness, another scurrilous and dishonest anti-FBI book was published—again, not by a communist outfit, but by a respected publishing house.

This book, written by that mysterious and powerful friend of Harry Truman, Max Lowenthal, makes the FBI out as vicious, corrupt, and inefficient, and J. Edgar Hoover as an irresponsible witch-hunter who keeps people inflamed by talking about a nonexistent communist danger.

Late in 1953, it was J. Edgar Hoover and FBI reports which convinced the public that Harry Dexter White, a Soviet spy, had been protected and promoted in high places.

In March, 1954, one of the nation's most influential and respected journals—*Harper's* magazine—ran a featured article full of distortions and half-truths, designed to "belittle" Hoover and show that FBI reports are worthless and meaningless.

Examine the record of Martin Dies and every other effective anti-communist, and you will find this same pattern of relentless smear and defamation.

Today, it is fashionable to be anti-communist—but only if you are the right kind, the kind who denounces communism in vague, general terms, but pours all his venom on the genuine anti-communists who are actually hurting communists.

Ponder the case of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt, as all the world knows, hates smearing. Whenever one of her friends is identified as a communist, she waxes bitter, if not eloquent. At any rate, she waxes.

Shortly after Whittaker Chambers identified Alger Hiss as an underground communist, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote:

"Smearing good people like Lauchlin Currie, Alger Hiss, and others is, I think, unforgivable. Anyone knowing either Mr. Currie or Mr. Hiss, who are two people I happen to know fairly well, would not need any denial on their part to know they are not communists."

Nowadays, Mrs. Roosevelt says simply that the Hiss case was a sad one, and, anyway, even if Hiss was a communist spy, he could never have done as much harm to America as the people who exposed him have done. And Mrs. Roosevelt has never ceased calling Whittaker Chambers nasty names.

Whittaker Chambers—a devout and sincere man whose testimony was of inestimable value in informing and alerting the American people about a grave and hidden danger to their nation—has been called everything from a moral degenerate to a psychopathic liar, by the very liberals whose sensibilities are so tender when Joe McCarthy lashes out at one of his "Fifth Amendment Communists."

Communists who leave the conspiracy but keep quiet and protect their former comrades are left alone. But let one of them, trying to atone for his past sins against God and man, expose a hidden communist, and he is viciously attacked, by the liberals.

Perhaps this hatred of ex-communists on the part of some liberals is due to their own intimate flirtations with communism in the past. They were wrong—horribly wrong—on the crucial issue of our times: the threat of communism. They coddled the communist youth, signed petitions, invited communists to the White House. The mink-lined tobacco roads from Park Avenue to Beverly Hills, the penthouse proletariat, the swimming pool peasantry, the learned and mighty of the land, played at revolution and poured their money into the Communist Party and its fronts. But many who made these mistakes, instead of facing up to them, would like to forget them now.

If being a genuine anti-communist is so hazardous, and if everyone calls himself anti-communist, how do you know whom to trust?

*Life* magazine—which certainly understands the technique of a good smear, and which hates Joe McCarthy with a frothy passion—recently made an interesting suggestion. *Life* said that if the Eisenhower Administration would treat communism as a criminal conspiracy,

outrage the party, and relentlessly dig out, expose, and eliminate every communist, then McCarthy's one big issue would be gone, and Joe McCarthy would become unnecessary.

Exactly! If the top leaders in the nation would do what Joe McCarthy has been trying to do, we wouldn't need Joe McCarthy.

That was one side of the question. The negative side comes next.

Here are arguments of some who do not think that communism in America is strong enough to do serious damage to those who fight communism:

It is absurd to imply that communism in America was ever strong enough to do any real harm to anyone, except to the few unfortunates who got into the movement.

Communism thrives in countries where the social and economic conditions of the masses are bad. The Chinese coolie, for example, who earns a few cents a day and lives on the verge of starvation, is susceptible to the wonderful promises of communism. What can he lose by trying it? He can't be any worse off than he is, and might be better off.

A well-paid, satisfied workman, on the other hand, is the poorest prospect in the world for communist propaganda.

Hence, America never was a place where the communists could gain any real strength.

During the great depression, a few desperate men, seeing our own economic system breaking down, did turn to communism as an unexplored hope. A few high-minded but misguided idealists drifted into the Communist Party for the same reason. During the war, when Russia was our partner in a death struggle with the Nazis, there was some pro-Russian feeling in this country.

But at the top of its strength, the Communist Party never numbered more than a few hundred thousand, and since 1950 the party has withered fast.

On October 1, 1951, *Life* magazine said: "If Houdini were a Communist, he couldn't get near a sensitive government payroll today. In short, communist infiltration of government is no longer a legitimate worry."

After all the hullabaloo about communism in religion and everywhere else in 1953, the House Un-American Activities Committee, in its annual report for 1953, said:

"The official record establishes that, as in other fields, the few members of the clergy who have associated with communist causes is a minute percentage of the hundreds of thousands of loyal, patriotic men of the cloth."

In 1954, J. Edgar Hoover has stated that Communist Party membership in the United States is now below 25,000.

We participated in a bloody police action against communists in Korea, and we are helping the French fight communists in Indo-China today. Since 1948, every American taxpayer has contributed materially and bravely to resist communism and eliminate the causes of communism all over the world.

We all know what communism is and we all dislike it. And we all will do anything we can against communism. The FBI even knows who all the American communists are, and we have, in fact, already sent most of the top communist leaders to jail.



Yet the great witchhunt goes on.

Why?

Because the paid informers, the professional ex-communists, and unscrupulous politicians with no valid issues to talk about must keep it alive to satisfy their lust for money, notoriety, and power.

One of the most shameful spectacles of 1953 was that of two distinguished Americans—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson—touring Europe and being stopped at every turn by anxious Europeans who wanted to know about McCarthyism in America.

When such internationally famous spokesmen for America have to admit to Europe that McCarthy is another Hitler, and when it is apparent to all Europeans that McCarthy has wide support from the American people, is there little wonder that the Europeans are disturbed by what's going on in America?

But the real tragedy of intemperate anti-communism is the black silence of fear it is imposing on the American people—the reign of terror, the wave of hysteria, and the widespread suspicion and distrust which is turning Americans against each other, dividing them into little, fearful, antagonistic groups.

We did not become totalitarian in a world-wide war against fascist tyranny, but we are drifting toward totalitarianism in our domestic war against the shabby remnants of the Communist Party.

A great tradition of America is freedom for each sincere soul to express his honest convictions. But this should involve great care not to smear others

unjustly and make false charges. Democracy cannot protect itself if it loses either its soul or its sense.

As the crusade against communism spreads, and the quest of demagogues for power becomes ever more unscrupulous, the resulting climate of opinion threatens the vitals of our democracy. We are becoming intolerant and less capable of achieving justice and of surviving.

The professional anti-communists try to cover their own mistakes and ward off criticism of their own activities by wrapping themselves in the flag and pretending that they are being persecuted by the anti-communists.

The best answer to them can be found in the words of the Rev. Dr. John Alexander Mackay, moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, who was quoted in the press on May 29, 1953, as saying:

"Anti-communism is just as dangerous as communism, and sometimes even more so."

There, in quick review, are two sides of a Facts Forum question:

"Is communism strong enough in America to do serious damage to those who fight communism?"

You may have heard so much on this and related subjects that you are inclined to believe there is no certain answer to that question. This broadcast may, in fact, have added to your confusion. But you can find the facts, that

would supply an answer—emphatically and conclusively.

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Dallas, Texas  
April 20, 1954

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of Facts Forum Radio Program Number 122, entitled "Anti-Communism." You will note that Dan Smoot, in discussing this subject on the Facts Forum program, gives an account of some of the attacks directed against you and the F. B. I. and strongly endorses the magnificent work the F. B. I. has done in its investigations of Communism.

I thought you would be interested in reading this transcript of the program, which is heard on 243 radio stations throughout the nation.

Cordially yours,

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Dallas, Texas

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 20, 1954, together with the enclosure, has been received.

Your thoughtfulness and courtesy in forwarding this material for my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The enclosure submitted by correspondent is a transcript of Facts Forum radio program No. 122, which belittles past lies and half-truths made by Communists concerning the Director, the Bureau and others who have been anti-Communist.

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Dan Smoot, mentioned by correspondent, is former SA Howard D. Smoot

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Director of the Facts Forum program. (67-263689)

The Facts Forum program was organized during the Summer of 1951 for the purpose of creating interest on the part of the public in national and world affairs. It presents both sides of matters of current interest claiming that the sponsor is impartial. It was recommended in a memorandum dated 7-14-51, captioned "Facts Forum [REDACTED] that we do not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way. (62-94811)

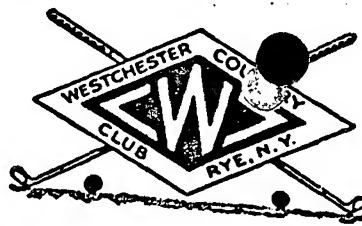
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WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB  
RYE, N. Y.

May 13, 1954

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

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May I bring to your attention an Associated Press dispatch which appeared in the Daily Item, of Port Chester, New York, on May 12th.

This story gives the impression that Facts Forum is a chief target of an inquiry by a committee of Congress, which is investigating whether tax-exempt foundations are helping un-American or subversive causes. Chairman Reece has been quoted as saying that the inquiry is directed principally against the Ford, Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations.

Here is a glaring example of how the left-wing elements in the press slant the news, and distort the primary objectives of any inquiry into possible subversives and their activities. What outrages me particularly is that the spotlight has immediately been focused on Facts Forum, an organization which has demonstrated its unequivocal loyalty to the United States and its institutions.

In my opinion there is concrete material for examination here. I believe the Associated Press should be called upon to explain who is responsible for this. Furthermore it should explain why it sees fit to broadcast a story which casts aspersions upon an organization which is an implacable foe of subversion, and at the same time fails to name the foundations which are the principal suspects in the investigation.

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# Quiz Hits Friend Of McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators of tax-exempt funds said yesterday the Facts Forum Foundation, created by H. L. Hunt, wealthy Texas oilman and supporter of Senator McCarthy, is included in the organizations under scrutiny.

Rene A. Wormser, counsel for the special committee, said the Bureau of Internal Revenue has supplied copies of reports by which the foundation has substantiated its claim for freedom from taxes.

Mr. Wormser made the state-

ment in reply to a question by Representative Hays, D., Ohio, who said he wanted the group to look into operations of the foundation which sponsors television and radio programs.

"It not only has a propaganda machine," said Mr. Hays, "but it lefor Congress, like me. Tha'st puts up money to defeat people for Congress, like me. That's what I call bad propaganda."

The Internal Revenue information on Facts Forum, Mr. Wormser said, was received by the committee only last Friday, after considerable "administrative delay" following a formal request to President Eisenhower for an executive order to make the confidential material available.

Mr. Hays said it would suit him, in regard to Facts Forum, "to bring in Mr. Hunt and go into it right here."

Chairman Reece, R., Tenn., said the foundations "generally will be invited to appear." He did not say definitely that Mr. Hunt would be called as a witness.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 13, 1954, with enclosure, has been received.

The thought prompting your forwarding the clipping you enclosed is appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: In June, 1951, the Dallas Office submitted background information concerning Facts Forum which apparently is financed by H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. The organization was organized during the Summer, 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects. Former Special Agent Howard Smoot has been employed to head and operate Facts Forum.

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It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951, captioned "Facts Forum" that we not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way. (62-94811-4)

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# FACTS FORUM

Dispels Apathy

June 2, 1954

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Dear Fellow-American:

If you are not already a subscriber to **FACTS FORUM NEWS** or acquainted with Facts Forum's program to dispel apathy, we know you will be very interested in learning more concerning our organization.

Facts Forum, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, is dedicated to stimulating the American people to inform themselves on national issues from sources of their own choosing and thereby form their opinions on such issues. The enclosed transcript of one of our radio programs concerning Facts Forum itself will tell you in more detail the functions of our organization.

As a part of its effort to arouse the public's interest in vital questions, Facts Forum presents each week six air shows including two 30-minute TV shows, one 15-minute radio program and three 30-minute radio programs, all nation-wide, on which both sides of controversial issues are discussed.

A very important part of Facts Forum's work is its monthly poll which poses provocative questions on subjects of vital importance to every American. It is the tenet of Facts Forum that if enough people are interested in a problem, an informed American public will find a solution to that problem.

**FACTS FORUM NEWS**, our monthly publication, carries, among other features of wide general interest, transcripts of many of the Facts Forum air shows, together with the monthly poll questions to be voted and the results of the previous month's poll. As a subscriber, you would have at your fingertips an interesting, concise condensation of the arguments on both sides of important national issues affecting the lives of all Americans.

A complimentary copy of **FACTS FORUM NEWS** is enclosed and we hope that if you are not already a subscriber, you will place your order for a subscription. An introductory six months subscription costs only \$1 and the regular rates are: one year \$2, three years \$5. A reply envelope requiring no postage is enclosed for your use. May we hear from you?

Constructively

*Zell Howell*  
(Mrs.) Zell Howell  
Coordinator

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P.S. Will you give us the benefit of your opinions by voting the enclosed poll card and returning to us?

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/2/54

FROM : SAC, Houston (62-0)

SUBJECT: FACTS FORUM  
Dallas, Texas  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a card apparently being sent out by  
FACTS FORUM which, as the Bureau knows, is run by  
former SA DAN SMOOT and supported by Mr. H.L. HUNT,  
Dallas, Texas, oilman.

This card is forwarded as Question 4 may be of  
possible interest to the Bureau.

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## IMPORTANT—*Please Note*

Expressed public opinion shapes the destiny of our country.

Facts Forum's monthly poll questions offer an opportunity for your opinions to be felt. If you vote and return the attached card, we will place you on the list to receive our regular monthly poll questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to let your opinion become a part of public opinion. VOTE TODAY.

*Unless you vote this month, your name will not be included in the new list of poll voters.*

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July 13, 1954

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It gives us pleasure to return our invoice which has  
been certified by myself as an authorized representative  
of Facts Forum as requested in your form letter of July 9.

Welcome to the increasing list of FACTS FORUM NEWS subscribers.

Constructively,

*Zell Howell*  
(Mrs.) Zell Howell  
Coordinator

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Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: August 9, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "FACTS FORUM"

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Smoot did not discuss anything of particular interest to the Bureau. Most of his remarks consisted of a review of the circumstances and events surrounding the above hearings together with the various arguments pro and con as to the action taken by the Legislative and Executive Branches during these hearings. He made no derogatory references to the FBI.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the following copy of the letter with the attached material that I have sent to a select group of Senators and Congressmen.

"The enclosed booklet, 'Case History of a Smear Campaign' provides another outrageous example of how a very powerful segment of the press is dedicated to 'freedom of speech' -- so long as the 'freedom' is all on one side. The far left.

"Anyone who effectively expresses to the public arguments contrary to the far left should not be permitted 'freedom of speech' according to the double standards of the pseudo-liberals.

"Many patriotic and prominent Americans agree with me that this organized and insidious attempt to throttle our traditional liberties is a proper and pressing subject for Congressional inquiry and action."

Every good wish.

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Sincerely,

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The New York Daily Mirror  
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**Speaking:**

HARDY BURT and Associates will soon publish a hard-hitting, eye-opening expose of the motives and methods of certain writers and commentators' attacks on Facts Forum. It's a 12,000-word, detailed, documented report entitled "Case History of a Smear Campaign." A team of researchers and investigators spent months getting the material.

Facts Forum's principal supporter, H. L. Hunt, is revealed beyond doubt as one of the most falsely maligned Americans in history. Instead of receiving much-deserved praise for his efforts to preserve and promote American democracy, Hunt was a prime target of red brickbats. "Case History of a Smear Campaign" is "must" reading for those in the radio-TV industry who want to learn specifically about the vicious propaganda techniques of the reds, their pink pals and their dim-witted dupes.

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*"The attacks launched on Facts Forum by the Communists are a tribute to this public affairs organization's integrity. The motive behind the attacks is to impair the democratic discussions which Facts Forum promotes."*

Louis Budenz, professor, Fordham University; author:  
"Techniques in Communism"; former editor, Daily Worker

This is the story of a smear.

A big smear. One designed to destroy an organization "dedicated to arousing public interest in important current events and stimulating individual participation in the shaping of public policy."

That organization is Facts Forum.

Facts Forum is perhaps best known for its presentation of various radio and TV shows, including, "Facts Forum," "State of the Nation," "Answers for Americans," and "Reporters' Roundup."

Facts Forum also publishes a widely circulated monthly magazine, Facts Forum News, runs a nation-wide postcard poll on current issues, distributes films on timely and pertinent subjects to churches, schools, civic clubs and other groups in every state without cost, and operates a 20,000-volume free circulating library.

Facts Forum, according to the standards it has set for itself, attempts to maintain strict impartiality in the presentation of important issues confronting the nation. It aims to present all views of controversial issues, "believing that it is the right and the obligation of the American people themselves to learn all the facts and come to their own conclusions."

Facts Forum was incorporated in the State of Texas in June, 1951, as a non-profit, non-partisan public educational venture.

And the record of Facts Forum, which is available to any interested party, shows that this "public educational venture" has faithfully lived up to its pledge to present public issues fairly.

Facts Forum's advisory board consists of some of America's most public-spirited citizens. Chairman of the board is Major B. A. Hardey. Other board members are Dr. Arthur A. Smith, Lloyd E. Skinner, David P. Strickler, Harry E. Rogier, William N. Blanton, Mrs. H. L. Hunt, Mrs. H. N. Russell, Jr., Mrs. Wallace Savage, W. G. Vollmer, Doak Walker, E. E. McQuillen, Governor Allan Shivers, Dr. Francis P. Gaines, General Albert C. Wedemeyer, General Robert E. Wood, Hanford MacNider, and John Wayne.

One would think that an organization of this high calibre would be receiving kudoes from the nation's editorial writers, who constantly bestow honors on public-spirited groups and individuals. But that has not been the case.

Exactly the opposite happened. Instead of kudoes, Facts Forum has been on the receiving end of well-aimed brickbats, many of them hurled from extreme left field.

Facts Forum has been accused of "bigotry . . . McCarthyism . . . isolationism . . . anti-laborviews." These false charges received considerable space in the press. Refutations by Facts Forum rarely were published.

Quite naturally, therefore, Facts Forum officials attempted to trace the origin of these attacks.

They discovered that what appeared to be a painstakingly-planned propaganda campaign to destroy Facts Forum — a campaign using all the notorious "Big Lie" techniques invented by Goebbels — could be traced back to the Daily Worker, the official daily organ of the Communist Party.

It was on October 4, 1953, that the Communist press fired off the big gun in the anti-Facts Forum campaign. On that day the Worker, the Daily Worker's Sunday ego, published an article, headlined, "Oil Tycoon Backs McCarthy TV Series."

The "oil tycoon," of course, was H. L. Hunt, who assisted a group of young Texans in the organization of Facts Forum. And the Worker's story, as we shall see later, was—as is typical of Red reportage—made up out of the whole cloth.

But the anti-Facts Forum crusade did not get into the big time until the Providence Journal published a series of articles "exposing" the organization.

Why did the Providence Journal, long considered one of the nation's outstanding newspapers, publish a series giving aid and comfort to the Communists?

The Providence Journal, of course, is not Communist. Yet, an editorial in the Manchester (N. H.) Union Leader (Sept. 22, 1954) noted "the peculiar way in which editorials in the Providence Journal aid and assist various pet projects of the Communists. We are not alone in the recognition of this fact. In its issue of September 2, the Daily Worker quotes frequently from a Providence Journal editorial, on the subject of outlawing the Communist party.

"This is a rare 'honor' for a New England newspaper to receive—to be so singled out by the Communist Daily Worker for praise."

The Providence Journal's anti-Facts Forum series, written by one Ben H. Bagdikian, was soon to be condensed in a fattened section of Time magazine's press department. According to Time the series "showed that Facts Forum is . . . one of the biggest private political propaganda machines in the U. S."

The series also was reprinted, condensed, rewritten or commented upon by such publications as The Reporter magazine, the Denver Post, the Milwaukee Journal, The Nation, The New Republic and the New York Post.

The New York Post series, written by Fern Marja, relashed all the by-now standard extremist-created cliches concerning Facts Forum. But the Post significantly omitted one fact; namely, that James Wechsler, editor of the New York Post, was himself a participant in a Facts Forum program. As far as is known, Mr. Wechsler never complained that he didn't get a fair shake, in expounding his views, on the program.

The anti-Facts Forum crusade took on the aspects of a "witch hunt," however, when an Ohio Congressman took it upon himself to stage a "one-man" investigation of Facts Forum, ignoring repeated requests by Facts Forum officials that they be allowed to testify.

H. L. Hunt, of Facts Forum, in reviewing this sequence of attacks, stated last April 22 that Facts Forum originally had "had no quarrel with the Daily Worker," knowing it would only "cheapen itself by taking cognizance of the Communist organ's attack. In a very short time, however, other publications began to run material amazingly similar to the Daily Worker attacks, and some of them embellished the material originated by the Daily Worker with additional accusations which they dug up or originated on their own."

Faced with these evidences of pseudo-liberal collusion, Mr. Hunt said Facts Forum realized it "could 'forever hold its tongue, or speak now.'" It chose to speak. But in making the choice, said Mr. Hunt, it realized "it would automatically become a full-fledged anti-Communist organization, and would inherit the well-known pattern of smear which, accruing to all anti-Communists, individually or collectively, reduces most of them to impotence. It chose to speak, and in the regular pattern, it became known as anti-Semitic, anti-labor, anti-Protestant, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro.



Some ten responsible newspapers and two magazines, Time and The Reporter, joined in this tirade, as though Facts Forum were trying to keep the public from reading their publications instead of recognizing the ceaseless effort Facts Forum is making to stimulate the public into reading more and seeking information from any and all sources."

To this day, Facts Forum is accused of promoting "McCarthyism."

If so, how can Facts Forum's critics explain this statement by Senator Ralph E. Flanders, following his appearance on a Facts Forum show:

"... I feel that my appearance on the Facts Forum panel was most satisfactory from my standpoint as it gave me an opportunity to freely express my views."

Senator Flanders can hardly be described as an admirer of the junior Senator from Wisconsin.

To charges that Facts Forum is violently opposed to the Democratic party, Facts Forum has referred its critics to Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson, as well as Democratic Senators Kerr, Ellender, McClellan, Clements, and many other outstanding Democrats.

Senator Ellender, no admirer of "McCarthyism," either, has appeared on several Facts Forum shows. "I have no complaints whatsoever..." he declares. "I was given a full opportunity to present my views in a fair debate."

As the anti-Facts Forum campaign mounted in intensity, with a recognizable pattern of insinuation and smear, along with the customary unfounded charges against the organization's backers, anti-Communists began waking up to Facts Forum.

It became completely clear to anti-Communists that the pseudo-liberals would do anything to prevent the expounding of conservative views. These so-called "liberals" were obviously none too happy about any project which divides time with "conservatives." They wanted *all* the time. Just as they've had it, for the most part, for many years.

In a sense, the anti-Facts Forum campaign has backfired. Decent people, including noted liberals, refused to be stampeded into hysterical outcries against Facts Forum.

For example, at the height of one attack, George Hamilton Combs, the noted A. B. C. liberal news commentator, who appears on the Facts Forum-presented show, "Answers for Americans," was asked by the United Press his opinion of Facts Forum.

"I have been treated with complete equity and have been given my fair share of the time," Mr. Combs stated. "I raise no objection to the formula or fairness of treatment."

Victor Lasky, one of the nation's top reporters, wrote an article for the Washington newsletter, Human Events (July 14, 1954) in which he stated that "the bulk of the criticism directed at Facts Forum appears to be without foundation in fact."

Mr. Lasky, co-author of the best-selling book on the Alger Hiss case, "Seeds of Treason," and editor of the recently published anthology, "The American Legion Reader," stated that Facts Forum had completely lived up to its obligation to present all sides of public issues fairly. "If anything," Mr. Lasky declared, "Facts Forum has leaned over backwards to give the 'liberal' side a break."

Mr. Lasky pointed out that among Facts Forum guests have been W. Averell Harriman, Representatives Jack Javits, Abe Muler and Emanuel Celler, Donald Rogers and Luke Carroll of the New York Herald-Tribune, Clarence Streit, Vincent Sheean, and Senator Ralph E. Flanders, none of whom can be accused of exactly admiring Senator McCarthy.

The main target of the anti-Facts Forum campaign, in which such columnists as Drew Pearson and Marquis Childs participated with glee, was a wealthy and patriotic Texas oilman named H. L. Hunt.

Mr. Hunt, who helps finance the operations of Facts Forum, has frequently been described as the largest independent oil operator in the United States. Recently, a series of widely-published articles dubbed Mr. Hunt the wealthiest man in the world.

Mr. Hunt, an unassuming, reticent man, does not attempt to capitalize on this widely announced reputation which, incidentally, he does not claim for himself. His only comment on his personal fortune has been to say he got into the oil business in Arkansas following heavy losses as a cotton farmer in 1921, when the price of cotton dropped from \$1.25 a pound to less than five cents.

The H. L. Hunt story, in essence, is the saga of American free enterprise and initiative. It is the kind of story which can only happen in free America.

Haroldson Lafayette Hunt was born in Vandalia, Illinois, in 1889, the son of a Confederate soldier who had gone North after the Civil War. His mother was the daughter of a Union Army chaplain.

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In 1915 young Hunt, a husky, lively six-footer, with confidence in his ability to make Arkansas cotton farming a remunerative career, married Lyda Bunker, a Lake Village, Arkansas, girl. They now live in a replica of George Washington's Mount Vernon home on a hill overlooking White Rock Lake in Dallas. They have four sons and two daughters.

After losing his shirt in cotton planting, and finding himself in a place of little opportunity, Mr. Hunt borrowed \$50 and went to Eldorado, Arkansas, which was then becoming an oil boom town. A wildcat well near Eldorado had just roared in as a sensational gusher.

Trading in oil and gas leases, he soon started in the business by the hard and tedious method of renting a broken-down drilling rig and drilling on a small proven lease for strip production.

From then on there was no stopping H. L. Hunt. Today he has operations in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

It was in 1948, Mr. Hunt says, that he "decided to start a foundation in order that a large part of the holdings I have accumulated could be used to the greatest benefit of mankind."

Originally, he had hoped to set up a farm research foundation, where young farmers unable to go to college could work on model farms and learn about scientific farming, soil conservation and reforestation while they worked.

When this project was first announced, several young people, including his two daughters, went to Mr. Hunt "pointing out that while the use I was planning for my assets was quite worthy, there was no immediate danger of anyone starving, though there was tremendous danger that freedom for the individual might be lost."

The result was Facts Forum. Facts Forum began with a few study and discussion groups in Dallas. Sparkplug of these groups was a young Dallas attorney, Robert H. Dedman, now president of Facts Forum.

Later, a Dallas agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dan Smoot, was hired to coordinate the activities of the various discussion groups, as well as to form new ones. Mr. Smoot, who had an outstanding record as an FBI agent, was soon asked to moderate a TV program in Dallas, in which high school students debated public issues. And eventually Mr. Smoot launched the Facts Forum radio-TV show, in which he presented the pros and cons of timely issues, such as:

"Should the United States remain in the United Nations if Red China is admitted?"

"Are Congressional investigations encroaching on the rights of President Eisenhower?"

"Is the United States necessarily dependent on Europe, Asia, and Africa for strategic raw materials?"

As is natural in the radio-TV business, Mr. Hunt soon was besieged with ideas for other public service programs. Of all these ideas, Mr. Hunt became interested in one broached to him by an easy-going Alabamian and ex-Marine named Hardy Burt.

Mr. Burt, a radio-TV producer, had met Mr. Hunt when the Texas oilman was the guest on the CBS-TV program, "Chronoscope," in New York. Mr. Burt was one of the news analysts regularly appearing on "Chronoscope." A noted magazine writer, Mr. Burt, at one time, had been public relations aide to Eric Johnston, then head of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

"After the program," says Mr. Burt, "my wife and I had a chat with Mr. Hunt. Mrs. Burt became so fascinated with the idea of Facts Forum that the next day she called up all her friends, liberals and conservatives, and organized a neighborhood Facts Forum discussion group. It's a wonderful idea. Not only do they get people to do a little thinking about public affairs, but they provoke arguments, which I like, and give you a wonderful excuse to have a party, which I also like."

This was in January, 1953. Meanwhile, Mr. Burt had launched a new radio show, one called "Answers for Americans." Mr. Burt both produced and moderated the show, a new kind of discussion program on which eminent authorities kicked around a single topic, trying to provide Americans with answers to some of the puzzling questions of the day.

The show, sponsored by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation, was an instantaneous success. This is what Variety, the show business trade paper, had to say about "Answers for Americans":

*"New series is a worthy one—an interesting, sensible and serious discussion of important civic questions. Program, in makeup, panel, questions and answers is conducted intelligently and on a high level. Panel was literate and informed, while Burt made an articulate, competent emcee keeping questions and answers moving along."*

It was while doing "Answers for Americans" in Denver with Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado as guest that Mr. Burt got the idea for "State of the Nation."



That idea was to visit each state capitol, in company of two leading newspapermen from the state, to obtain the views of the governor on national and international affairs.

When the idea was broached to the Mutual Broadcasting System, Herbert Rice, vice president in charge of programs, declared it was one of the best ideas for a public service show he had ever heard.

But who would underwrite "State of the Nation"?

Mr. Burt thought back to the "Chronoscope" show, on which Mr. H. L. Hunt had outlined the aims of Facts Forum. Mr. Burt telephoned Mr. Hunt who was then in Washington. That evening, Mr. Hunt agreed to recommend that Facts Forum underwrite the show.

"So concerned was Mr. Hunt that both sides of the issues would be presented," says Mr. Burt, "that he made one qualification about the format as I had described it to him. Mr. Hunt wanted the Governor's political opponent to be on the show, too. I pointed out that to try to combine an interview and a debate would make for an awkward show. Eventually, we worked out a format, whereby a reporter from a paper in opposition to the governor would help do the interviewing."

Mr. Hunt's insistence on impartiality—so much so it could almost be termed a phobia with him—has been commented upon by Dr. Ruth Alexander, one of the nation's top economists.

"In a small way," Dr. Alexander disclosed in her New York Daily Mirror column of September 5, 1954, "I was in on the birth of Facts Forum several years ago, but opposed Hunt's desire to present both sides of the question."

"I admitted it was the traditional American way, but since the 'liberals' had presented only one side for so long I felt it was about time we did likewise. But it was Hunt's show and he has done a magnificent job of genuinely objective presentation of practically every controversial question confronting us."

The "State of the Nation" program was launched in August, 1953, in Indianapolis, with Governor George N. Craig of Indiana as guest. Interviewers were Eugene J. Cadou, State Bureau Manager of INS, and Farwell Rhodes of the Indianapolis Star. Mr. Burt acted as moderator.

In all twenty-four governors—twelve Democrats and twelve Republicans—were interviewed in their respective state capitols.

"Later," says Mr. Burt, "the smear attacks were to become so vicious and run so deep that it became difficult to get governors to appear on a Facts Forum program, so we abandoned that format."

Typical, at this time, was the incident involving Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, the Ambassador of the Philippines to the United Nations. The Ambassador was scheduled to be interviewed in Washington by Mr. Burt and a correspondent of the New York Times. At the last moment, the Times man decided he could not appear on the show since, he said, "I don't know enough about Facts Forum."

Consequently, Ambassador Romulo decided against participating in the show alone, as he said, he would rather not get himself involved with a program not acceptable to a New York Times reporter.

This should not be construed as an attack on the New York Times. According to Mr. Burt, the Times has been "eminently fair and objective (in its) reporting of the many incidents in the controversy over Facts Forum."

Much more so than most newspapers, including the New York Herald-Tribune. This important newspaper has published several stories containing allegations against Facts Forum. Somehow, its editors have neglected to run Facts Forum's replies.

In the campaign against Facts Forum, apparently anything goes. No holds barred. As Victor Lasky reported in Human Events:

"The false charges against Facts Forum continue. Those dedicated to extirpating 'McCarthyism' use all the techniques they attribute to the Senator in a campaign of vilification that has become standard operating procedure for 'liberals' seeking to maintain their dominance of all media of communication."

"Take a column written by Marquis Childs last January. Mr. Childs states that an Eisenhower official, 'deeply concerned over the threat of passage of the Bricker Amendment has heard that Hunt three or four times put up money to inspire a flood of telegrams favorable to the Amendment. While this report could not be verified since neither Hunt nor anyone for him would answer a query, it may well be true.'

"Shades of 'McCarthyism.' If the report could not be verified, why did our great 'liberal' columnist repeat it?"

"Also constantly repeated is the threadbare yarn that Robert E. Lee was appointed a member of the F. C. C. by the President at the behest of Senator McCarthy. Mr. Lee, whose outstanding record of public service (including a lengthy stint as an FBI official) can't be impugned, has also been accused of having moderated several Facts Forum shows. Talk about 'guilt by association.'"



"Mr. Lee's eventual confirmation by the Senate, following 'an ordeal by slander' unparalleled in recent history, was characterized by Jimmy Wechsler in the New York Post as 'desolate news for the country.' Completely ignored, of course, was the fact that Senator McCarthy had nothing to do with the Lee appointment."

More recently, Marquis Childs informed his readers that campaign managers for Senator Paul Douglas, seeking re-election from Illinois "have heard that such free-wheeling oil billionaires as H. L. Hunt and Clint Murchison have made secret pledges to provide almost unlimited backing for the Meek (Douglas' opponent) campaign. The rumor—it is no more than that—has it that the Texas crowd will go up to \$5,000,000 to try to defeat Douglas."

Queried about the truth of this "rumor" repeated by Mr. Childs, Mr. Hunt replied, "I have not contributed any money to Mr. Meek's campaign and no one has even asked me to contribute to his campaign."

Mr. Childs admitted penchant for publishing rumors—which apparently rarely have basis in truth—has become notorious. So notorious, in fact, that it was noted by one of America's greatest newspaper editors, the late Gideon Seymour. Mr. Seymour, vice president and executive editor of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, in a personal letter to a friend, dated October 7, 1953, declared:

"And while you're collecting examples of how a smear story can spread, you might look up Mark Childs' column of several months ago saying that a Texas oil millionaire was sponsoring a weekly appearance by Joe McCarthy on television, and deploring same."

"We do not carry Childs but had Dallas and New York sources check the story, found that it was simply a new panel program on which a dozen or twenty public figures, on both sides of principal controversial questions, were appearing, and we printed a story telling the facts. . ."

"That at least put our readers straight, but I noticed several times subsequently editorials in 'liberal' journals accepting the Childs story as fact and tearing their hair about it. . ."

In this column, Mr. Childs "disclosed" that Senator McCarthy had gone to Texas to confer with, among others, H. L. Hunt on a plan for a national series of television programs featuring the junior Senator from Wisconsin.

Only trouble with the "disclosure" was that it was just not true. At the time Senator McCarthy was visiting Texas, Mr. Hunt was in Washington.

Yet, these false accounts continue to be published, refurbished with still more gory details.

Typical was the reference to Facts Forum, which appeared in Look magazine last December. In an article entitled, "The Ring Around McCarthy," Richard Wilson wrote:

"The program (Facts Forum) was backed by H. L. Hunt, Dallas oil operator, sometimes called the richest man in America. McCarthy was the first guest star on the program. Some say Hunt will eventually back him in a series of reports to the nation on his activities."

The phrase "some say" was an understatement.

Last May, the New York Post described Facts Forum as a "tax free institution which spends millions of dollars a year propagandizing conservative and ultra-conservative views on radio and TV under the guise of 'impartiality.' Hunt himself is a strong supporter of Sen. McCarthy."

If there is anything thinner than the "guise of impartiality" displayed by the Post in its coverage of the news, it's difficult to imagine what it can be. Perhaps one reason for its incredibly one-sided news coverage is the fact that its editor is an admitted former Communist, who doesn't like the FBI and other Communist-hunting groups.

In a column assailing Facts Forum, Drew Pearson last April charged that Facts Forum's various radio-television activities were being "financed by Texas oil millionaire H. L. Hunt to propagate his own reactionary philosophy and to promote Senator McCarthy for the Presidency."

Considering Mr. Pearson's well-known and warranted reputation for lack of accuracy, the column in itself was of dubious origin.

What is important is the fact that this lack of accuracy has permeated the usually objective dispatches of the Associated Press.

Thus, on May 11, the AP reported that a special House Committee planned, in opening its probe of tax-exempt foundations, to "look into the Facts Forum Foundation, created by H. L. Hunt, Texas oilman and supporter of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy."

Both Mr. Hunt and Senator McCarthy have denied repeatedly: (1) that Mr. Hunt has ever donated a nickel to the Senator; and (2) that the Senator has received any money from Mr. Hunt.

No proof has ever been offered by any Facts Forum critic that Mr. Hunt has aided Senator McCarthy in any way. But apparently facts and the word of these two men are to be ignored completely and the truth found in the pages of the Daily Worker.

A fair answer to the charges and insinuations concerning Mr. Hunt and Senator McCarthy is contained, it would seem, in an announcement last June 3 by the Internal Revenue Bureau. The Bureau said that a "new" check had been made of Facts Forum, which was found "still entitled to tax-free status" as an educational institution.

Are Facts Forum's critics to maintain that the Eisenhower Administration—through its Internal Revenue Bureau—is knowingly and willfully permitting pro-McCarthy political hanky-panky to go on?

The AP dispatch from Washington went on to say that "Facts Forum supports a series of radio and television programs, which Mr. Hunt says he promoted as impartial debates to arouse public interest in current problems. Critics have attacked them as a political propaganda machine giving major weight to conservatism and isolation."

If the "major weight" were balanced in favor of a cleverly camouflaged dose of pseudo-liberal propaganda, as it seems to be in a disturbing number of radio and television discussion programs, everything would undoubtedly be hunky-dory with Facts Forum, and Mr. Hunt would be clothed in the respectability of an enlightened and "liberal" plutocrat.

Norman Dodd, research director of the House Committee, had stated that the probers would give "special attention" to the Ford Foundation. But the overwhelming length of the AP dispatch was taken up with attention to Mr. Hunt, who was never mentioned by Mr. Dodd or anyone else on the Committee, except by Congressman Wayne L. Hays, who did what he could to wreck the investigation that followed.

Be it noted here, that Mr. Hays has never denied the fact that in 1948 the Daily Worker had announced its support of his candidacy.

Another curious angle to all this is that few of Facts Forum's critics have taken it upon themselves to check misinformation fed them. To her credit, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt did check with Mr. Hunt on something she had been told:

On January 16, 1953, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote to Mr. Hunt, in part as follows:

"Someone from Texas has just sent me the pamphlet on UNESCO which they tell me you have financed to the tune of some \$700,000 a year. I wonder if you realize how misleading your pamphlet is and what incorrect impressions it leaves with people. I cannot believe, Sir, that you are spending money to destroy the UN and UNESCO, or any other world organization, since such organizations form the only machinery through which we . . . have a chance of eventually building a peaceful world."

On January 26, Mr. Hunt replied, as follows:

"Your Texas informant is alarmingly extravagant with my funds and inaccurate as to my affiliations. I have not been working with Gerald L. K. Smith type persons on UNESCO. . . You have correctly assumed in your final paragraph that I would not spend money to destroy any organization which is building a peaceful world. . ."

Mrs. Roosevelt replied on February 5:

"I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter. . . I found out from later information that the pamphlet I had reference to in my first letter was put out by a Mr. Bond. With many regrets for having troubled you, I am very sincerely yours. . ."

It would take a volume the size of the national budget to reply to the numerous misstatements of fact, distortions and outright lies which have been published and broadcast about Facts Forum.

But appearing in most of the "exposes" of Facts Forum have been several charges. Frauds would be the better term. So, here they are:

#### THE FRAUD:

Drew Pearson—12/29/53 — "Featured on Hunt's Facts Forum TV program is Allan Zoll, whose American Patriots was put on the Attorney General's subversive list."

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/31/53 — "Early this year when a new Facts Forum unit was formed in the New York City church of a national adviser to Facts Forum, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the first speaker to address the group was Zoll."

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/31/53 — "A protest to Dr. Peale from a parishioner brought no disapproval of Zoll but praise for Facts Forum."

THE WORKER—January, 1954 (Art Shields) — "(One of Hunt's broadcasters was Allan Zoll, the Jew-baiter.)"

TIME—1/11/54 — "In Manhattan, where a Forum unit was formed, the first meeting was addressed by Allan Zoll, whose American Patriots, Inc., was listed by the Attorney General as a 'Fascist' organization."

Barry Gray—2/10/54 (WABD-TV) — "Just a year ago, when Facts Forum's chapter was formed in New York, the first speaker to appear before the new group was Allan A. Zoll, whose record as a hate-monger goes back before World War II."

Drew Pearson—4/6/54 — "Facts Forum also sponsored Allan Zoll, a notorious American Fascist, whose organization is listed on the Attorney General's subversive list. It has also promoted Merwin K. Hart, whose National Economic Council was accused of anti-Semitism by the House Lobbying Committee."

## THE FACT:

*Allen Zoll never was invited to a Facts Forum meeting—never appeared on a television program presented under Facts Forum auspices. In fact, the first time those responsible for Facts Forum programs ever heard of Allen Zoll was when the "reports" were printed.*

*And as for repeated charges that Facts Forum is anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant, below is an excerpt from a letter signed by Mr. Dedman, president of Facts Forum:*

*"TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA:  
(July 4, 1953)*

*"We have received complaints of the procedure and character of discussion in some Facts Forum meetings held in your area. It has been charged that some meetings have been devoted to anti-Semitism.*

*"We reaffirm the frequently repeated Facts Forum declaration, 'The prestige of Facts Forum shall never be used against any race, creed or class.' Among hundreds of questions published in the Facts Forum poll there has never been one which would precipitate arguments for or against the Jewish religion and race. We firmly request those attending Facts Forum meetings to refrain from discussing questions which would bring about such arguments.*

*"The purpose of Facts Forum is simply to work for the preservation of freedom in America. Any activity which is purely partisan or which stirs up feeling against any race, creed or class would be destructive of our objective."*

*Facts Forum has been endorsed by Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, director of The American Jewish League Against Communism.*

## THE FRAUD:

*THE WORKER—10/4/53 — "Collins revealed that McCarthy's chief financial backer was a fabulously wealthy Texas oilman 'who has two to three million dollars a week coming in, and a result is going to be McCarthy's frequent appearance on television shows which are canned under his auspices and shipped around the country for release as straight discussion shows.'*

*"This oil man, Collins reported, is H. L. Hunt, the wealthiest of McCarthy's Texas oil contacts. Hunt is reputed to be worth \$600 million." Drew Pearson—12/10/53 — "The fabulous wealth of Senator McCarthy's chief backer, Texas oilman H. L. Hunt."*

*PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/29/53 — "Perhaps the first public evidence of a possible link between McCarthy and Facts Forum was disclosed in a column by Frederic W. Collins, Washington correspondent for the Providence Journal-Bulletin.*

*"Collins had been approached to interview McCarthy on a Facts Forum program. . . The Collins article was picked up by many of the most respected newspapers in the country, but it was also quoted by the New York Communist paper, the Worker.*

*"Facts Forum chose the version cited in the Worker to photostat and reprint by the thousands. It sent this to its entire mailing list." THE WORKER (Art Shields)—January, 1954 — "The FF 'facts' do not only deal with McCarthy himself. They cover the whole field of McCarthyism, for Hunt is building a fascist movement as well as boosting his pet fascist politician."*

*TIME—1/11/54 — "The 'both sides' programs . . . often, wrote Bagdikian, are heavily weighted towards Facts Forum's own point of view, which is compounded of 'isolationism, ultraconservatism and McCarthyism.'" NEW YORK POST (Fern Marja)—2/17/54 — "Discarding the veils of pretense in the equivalent of a political striptease, Smoot echoed McCarthy:*

*"Today, all over the globe, people are promoting a philosophy . . . which, in its essence, is a return to the dark ages of human civilization. This philosophy has, for want of better words, been called variously Fascism, Nazism, Communism, Welfare-Statism, and more broadly, 'collectivism.'"*

*"That is Smoot, the non-partisan moderator, transcribed in Facts Forum News, the non-political publication of a non-profit enterprise."*

*NEW REPUBLIC — "McCarthy gets his biggest financial support from the South—Texas. This comes from a group of multi-millionaire oil primitives. . . The Milwaukee Journal has just analyzed this strange tie-up. H. L. Hunt, whose nationwide Facts Forum backs McCarthy, may be the richest man in America."*

*Drew Pearson—4/6/54 — "All (FF radio and TV programs) are granted free radio time on the theory that they are impartial, non-partisan programs.*

*"The truth is that they are financed chiefly by Texas oil millionaire H. L. Hunt to propagate his own reactionary philosophy and to promote Senator McCarthy for the Presidency."*

## THE FACT:

*1. No Facts Forum radio or television program has ever advocated Senator McCarthy or anybody else for the Presidency or any other office. Facts Forum is non-political.*

*2. The personal political views of Facts Forum's sponsors differ. And none of them is used to influence Facts Forum programs, which are non-partisan.*

Presidency and never has been a financial contributor to the Senator.

4. Senator McCarthy appeared on one Facts Forum program—out of hundreds aired—in a debate with Senator Magnuson. Hardy Burt subsequently invited him to appear for a TV debate. His office replied that producers of network public affairs programs besieged him almost daily to appear for interviews and debates, and he had allotted all the time he could spare from his schedule for these appearances. Adlai Stevenson also reported his time “booked solid.”

#### THE FRAUD:

Drew Pearson—12/10/53 — “Among the books and literature which ‘Facts Forum’ urges TV viewers to buy are those written by Merwin K. Hart, who Justice Jackson described as ‘well known for his pro-fascist leanings.’”

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/30/53 — “Facts Forum . . . has announced that Garet Garrett’s ‘The People’s Pottage,’ and John T. Flynn’s ‘While You Slept’ are available free from Facts Forum.”

TIME—1/11/54 — “Facts Forum has used its platform as well as its own ‘free circulating library,’ reported Bagdikian, for ‘known race-hate agitators.’ One of the original library books, withdrawn after protests, was We Must Abolish The United States, by Joseph Kamp (‘I pull no punches in exposing the Jewish Gestapo or any Jew who happens to be a Jew’).”

NEW REPUBLIC—2/1/54 — “‘Facts Forum’ does not ‘educate’ only through television and radio, it has distributed free, such books as Clarence Manion’s The Key To Peace which denounces social developments in the U. S. since 1932 and objects to the word ‘democracy’ in describing this country — and Joseph Kamp’s We Must Abolish The United States.”

#### THE FACT:

*Talk about book-burning!*

*Facts Forum has 20,000 books in its circulating library. If three or four are selected as typical, Facts Forum could also be proved a Socialist organization. With this kind of “logic,” almost any public library in the U. S. could be charged with being communist or fascist, pro-Jewish or anti-Jewish, nationalist or internationalist—or anything.*

*As for the Pearson statement—Nonsense! It never happened.*

Drew Pearson—12/10/53 — “Hunt’s and McCarthy’s potent backing have put ‘Facts Forum’ on about 200 radio and 40 TV stations, not counting the ABC network, according to its publicity claims. Perhaps one reason for its success is the Eisenhower appointment of ‘Facts Forum’ moderator Lee to the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates all radio and TV stations.”

Barry Gray—(WABD-TV) — “. . . the networks were bludgeoned (by H. L. Hunt) into providing time. . .”

#### THE FACT:

*H. L. Hunt had no contact with network officials, directly or indirectly. Hardy Burt arranged for time on the networks, purely on the merits of the programs. And Mr. Burt never had any contact or communications with anybody on the FCC.*

#### THE FRAUD:

Barry Gray—2/11/54 (WABD-TV) — “Facts Forum two years ago broadcast a warning to Americans. The moderator read from some of the teachings of Lenin, and he quoted the Russian as saying, ‘We will win the Western world for Communism without shedding a drop of Russian soldiers’ blood. How? Well, we will create fear; we will work inside by creating national hatreds, religious antagonisms; we will pit father against son, wife against husband, and we will inaugurate campaigns to hate Jews and hate Catholics and hate Negroes. We will . . . (SOUND OF AN EXPLOSION) . . . we will create political chicanery; we will confuse international diplomacy. We will do these things.’ That was how Facts Forum warned America about Communism; it could also be interpreted as a warning about Facts Forum.”

#### THE FACT:

*Now just how stupidly asinine could anyone get! Is Gray now accusing Facts Forum of advocating the teachings of Lenin?*

#### THE FRAUD:

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/30/53 — “In a rare speech in 1951, Hunt described what he believed would be a struggle to the death in this country between two schools of thought—the far right and the far left.”

From a News Report—2/7/54 — “Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer said yesterday that an ‘anti-Democratic, anti-administration Third Force’ is trying to form in this country, with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy as its ‘god,’ and H. L. Hunt, Texas oil man, as its ‘prophet.’”

Barry Gray (WABD-TV)—2/10/54 — “Hunt once predicted there would be a life and death struggle between two schools of thought in this country, the far Right and the far Left. ‘Middle-of-the-roads,’ as he called them, wouldn’t matter at all.”



## THE FACT:

*H. L. Hunt never made any such statement or speech.*

## THE FRAUD:

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN (Bagdikian)—12/30/53 — "But, Smoot added, all of these ideas of (collectivism) the last 20 years in America will go when 'the winds of freedom' will sweep across our land."

"(This recalled the words of another Facts Forum moderator, Hardy Burt, who said that Facts Forum would cause people to make decisions that would lead to 'the ultimate American political philosophy.')

## THE FACT:

*The Providence Journal's Bagdikian telephoned Mr. Burt, who read him a lengthy letter about Facts Forum written to an editor of The New York Times, who had made an inquiry. At Mr. Bagdikian's request, Mr. Burt mailed him a copy of the letter, which pointed out a number of errors writers had made about Facts Forum. The only quote from this letter is the phrase above. But Mr. Bagdikian "neglected" to quote the full paragraph. Here it is:*

*"It is the belief of Facts Forum's sponsors that the destiny of America, in the final analysis, rests in the hands of the people, and that through open discussion and debate of issues of national interest and concern, the people will arrive at wise decisions. These decisions will contribute to the ultimate American political philosophy. No attempt is made by Facts Forum to influence any of the discussions it encourages."*

Why all this concentrated venom by publications whose circulations total in the tens of millions against a relatively small organization as Facts Forum?

Perhaps the answer lies in the little-noticed testimony given by Louis F. Budenz in December, 1952, before the House Committee to Investigate Tax-exempt Organizations, then headed by the late Eugene E. Cox of Georgia.

Mr. Budenz is the former managing editor of the Daily Worker. As a member of the powerful Central Committee of the Communist party, Mr. Budenz was in a unique position to view the secret policies and methods of the Red conspiracy.

In 1945, Mr. Budenz quit the Communist party. Today, he is one of America's staunchest anti-Communists. His reliability is attested to by the fact he has appeared as an expert witness for the U. S. Government at dozens of trials, hearings and other government proceedings.

In his Cox Committee testimony, Mr. Budenz declared that in the thirties the Communist leaders had set out to infiltrate various tax-exempt foundations and to divert their funds to Communist writers and research workers, for use in Communist conspiratorial work. Another aim of the Reds, according to Mr. Budenz, was to "prevent, if possible, critics of the Communist movement from getting grants."

Perhaps the reason why the Communists, and their friends, have been trying to destroy Facts Forum is the fact that, small as it is, Facts Forum is fully alert to the dangers of Communist infiltration.

Unable to control Facts Forum, the pseudo-liberals set out to destroy the organization. They cheered the efforts of Congressman Wayne Hays, who, without even giving Facts Forum a hearing, announced his displeasure with Facts Forum.

As a member of the House Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations, headed by R. Carroll Reece, Mr. Hays last May demanded that Facts Forum's tax-exempt status be lifted, declaring:

"Facts Forum is not only a propaganda machine, but it puts up money to defeat people for Congress like me. That's what I call bad propaganda."

Challenged for proof, Mr. Hays replied that he had "explained to the press that my remark was meant to indicate that Facts Forum puts up money to put slanted programs on the air. . . I certainly did not mean to imply that Facts Forum puts money into political campaigns."

But this explanation never reached print. The Associated Press, which had carried Mr. Hays' original blast at Facts Forum, stated that Mr. Hays had never asked for any "correction."

At Mr. Hays request, the House Committee staff queried the Internal Revenue Bureau as to Facts Forum's tax-exempt status. The Bureau carefully examined the activities of Facts Forum and, according to the June 7, 1954, trade weekly, Broadcasting-Telecasting, gave "a clean bill of health" to the organization.

But that didn't deter Congressman Hays. Last September, Mr. Hays again demanded that Facts Forum's tax-exempt status be lifted, accusing Facts Forum of fostering "the technique of smear."

In a letter to Mr. Hays, Hardy Burt denounced the Congressman for "issuing a one-man report . . . replete with falsehood, unfounded charges and vicious innuendo."

Mr. Burt also accused the Congressman of having "taken it upon yourself to act as judge and jury without even the semblance of a public hearing or the taking of testimony."

"As you know," Mr. Burt continued, "I have repeatedly volunteered to testify before you to present Facts Forum's side of the argument. Instead of inviting any Facts Forum spokesman to appear before you, you conducted an investigation of a type which is the very antithesis of the democratic way of life you profess to believe in. But what is even more shocking about your secret investigation is the fact that you had, months ago, announced your animus towards Facts Forum."

Mr. Burt also asked Mr. Hays whether there was any connection between Mr. Hays' "vociferous antagonism towards Facts Forum and the fact that in 1948, according to the Daily Worker, your candidacy was endorsed by the Communist-led Progressive party."

Curiously, none of the many publications which delight in deploring "one-man Congressional investigations" rushed to the defense of Facts Forum. The American Civil Liberties Union was strangely quiet.

It is no secret that Mr. Hays' fantastic and discourteous conduct during the course of the hearings conducted by the Reece Committee completely killed the probe into tax-exempt foundations.

Chairman Reece, in a speech on the floor of Congress, last August 20, had this to say:

*"As the hearings got under way, it became very obvious that the ranking minority members (Hays) of the committee had no intention of permitting orderly hearings and were determined to discredit and harass the investigation."*

*"Throughout the hearings Mr. Hays assumed an attitude of aggressive suspicion and insulting distrust of the majority members of the committee and of the committee staff."*

*"He could not have made it clearer that he intended to frustrate to the limit of his abilities any orderly procedure. . . I do not know whether one of Mr. Hays' objectives was to force the discontinuance of the public hearings, but*

*"In his role of a skillful provocateur, he interrupted witnesses beyond all reason, attempting to frighten witnesses and to disorganize both their initial presentations and orderly interrogation by others."*

*"During one of the 3-hour sessions, Mr. Hays interrupted one witness 246 times."*

*"During the public hearings he indulged in intemperate attacks upon the staff and upon the majority members of the committee."*

*"He accused the chairman of lying and being a coward and accused (Congressman) Goodwin of duplicity and cowardice."*

*"As an example of the Marxian technique of attacking a messenger when the message cannot be attacked, he cast aspersions upon the character and record of a distinguished Catholic nun, the daughter of Senator McCarran, whose scholarly work on Fabian socialism in Great Britain had been placed in evidence."*

*"As further examples, Mr. Hays characterized an outstanding group of American scholars appearing as committee witnesses as 'crackpots,' 'dredged up' by the committee."*

Is it any wonder then that Congressman Hays became the hero of The Nation magazine. In fact, Mr. Hays recently turned contributor to The Nation. In its October 23, 1954, issue, The Nation carries an article signed by Mr. Hays entitled, "Facts Forum Fable," in which, typically, by taking quotations out of context, he discusses "the spuriousness of Facts Forum's claim to impartiality."

In this article, he also quotes from the New York Herald Tribune of August 15: "Unlike most members of the Cabinet, Secretary Dulles has refused to appear on television shows sponsored by Facts Forum."

Mr. Hays, like so many other "liberals," fell eagerly into the trap of accepting hearsay for fact. The truth is that Secretary Dulles has not appeared on any of the regular network radio-TV public affairs programs. As Carl W. McCordle, Assistant Secretary of State, on September 3, 1954, stated in a letter to Hardy Burt:

*"I am sure you realize that Secretary Dulles cannot comment on items or stories such as the one you refer to in the New York Herald Tribune. I should like to point out, however, that since assuming office, Secretary Dulles has, as a matter of policy, not appeared on any program of this nature despite the many invitations he has received."*

That The Nation has achieved a merited reputation of being a pro-Soviet organ of opinion seems not to have concerned Mr. Hays. The fact is that the managing editor of The Nation, Mr. Carey McWilliams, has been identified by Louis Budenz under oath as a member of the Communist party.

Such is the company Mr. Hays is keeping these days!  
What are Mr. Hays' motives in vilifying Facts Forum?

Perhaps the key can be found in the Congressional Record of August 20, 1954, in which Mr. Hays inserted an article urging that the law on oil depletion allowances be revised.

Mr. Hays alleged that "some of the depletion allowance money" had been used against him in the 1952 campaign. "Apparently the law will have to be revised to prevent this abuse of power by Texas oil millionaires," he declared, in commenting on the article.

Drew Pearson, last April, also railed against "the oil depletion allowance which permits a certain group of citizens to set themselves above others when it comes to taxes.

"Some Congressmen have even joked about starting a movement to give Texas back to Mexico, to which a high Mexican official, when kidded about this, replied: 'We don't want indigestion.'"

The Louisville Courier-Journal, following the same anti-Texas line, last July spoke of "H. L. Hunt endowing a farflung personal propaganda machine, Facts Forum, which as an 'educational' contribution is exempt."

Now, there's nothing wrong about any newspaper or Congressman urging revision of any tax law on the books. But, the thinking behind the anti-Texas campaign, perhaps inadvertently, was spelled out by the veteran Socialist, Norman Thomas, in a May 14, 1954, broadcast.

The veteran Socialist leader described Mr. Hunt's "five rather important radio programs . . . as a new kind of approach to monopolization of the airways." Mr. Thomas added that Mr. Hunt "is rich because he owns so much oil that the nation ought to own. . ."

As Hardy Burt puts it:

"Mr. Hunt has been the attempted victim, through Facts Forum, of a deliberately calculated plan to discredit Texas millionaires. I am positive that if Mr. Hunt had made his fortune anywhere else but in Texas, he would be lauded to the skies by a majority of the press for the truly great public service he is performing."

The hate-Texas campaign probably reached its zenith in The Reporter, a magazine devoted to exposing Americans who fight Communism. Among its recent victims have been Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the late Senator Pat McCarran, Senator Styles Bridges, and Scott McLeod, Security Administrator of the State Department. The Reporter has long advocated admission of Red China into the United Nations.

Last May it ran an article by Theodore White entitled, "Texas, Land of Wealth and Fear," in which Texas oil millionaires including Mr. Hunt were pictured as seeking to spread a climate of hate, fear and suspicion throughout the United States.

Mr. White, according to Whittaker Chambers, was a Time magazine correspondent who "fed out news written from the viewpoint that the Soviet Union is a benevolent democracy of unaggressive intent. . ."

Mr. White's best-selling book, "Thunder Out of China," was a key weapon in the selling of the Chinese Communists to American intellectuals, according to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

These pseudo-liberals were not solely satisfied with besmirching the reputation of Facts Forum.

They began to exert considerable pressure against the networks, and local outlets, hoping to terrify broadcasting executives into kicking Facts Forum shows off the air.

In several instances, they succeeded.

How this procedure operates Hardy Burt discovered at first hand when he was looking around for an opportunity to put his "Answers for Americans" on television.

Mr. Burt visited John Daly, vice president in charge of public affairs for the American Broadcasting Company. "Daly was familiar with the show," says Mr. Burt, "and liked it. He approved of the idea of making it available to the ABC television and radio networks under the auspices of Facts Forum.

"Shortly before the show got on the air, however, Mr. Daly asked me to drop into his office. He showed me clippings from various publications containing the standard pseudo-liberal charges against Facts Forum.

"I told Mr. Daly that never once had Mr. Hunt or anyone else in Facts Forum ever suggested to me that I slant my programs in any way. The only advice I ever received was to keep the shows as balanced as possible in presenting opposing views.

"I told Daly I would stake my professional reputation that the allegations being made about Facts Forum were pure hogwash. I suggested that ABC make its own check on Facts Forum before launching 'Answers for Americans.'

"Several days later Mr. Daly phoned to say that time had been cleared on the television and radio networks for the show."

In this case, Facts Forum was able to deal with the terrific smear campaign conducted against it. Apparently, it was not as successful with the National Broadcasting Company.

That story began last April, when the New York Times disclosed that Mr. Hunt was planning another radio series, that he was negotiating with NBC to present a series of nightly debates on the day's news between a "liberal" like Elmer Davis and a "conservative" like Hardy Burt.

The news item triggered off a new "liberal" chain reaction against Mr. Hunt's "sinister reactionary influence" on American public opinion. On May 1, NBC acknowledged it had rejected Mr. Hunt's proposal.

The acknowledgement was contained in a letter of response to a protest from the American Committee of Cultural Freedom, demanding that NBC refuse its facilities to Facts Forum.

Norman Thomas, in the name of the A. C. C. F., had written to NBC denouncing Mr. Hunt's proposal as "controversial," insisting that "nothing is simpler than for a man to put up a pretense of controversy by picking the opponents and making sure that one side is always the weaker."

In effect, Mr. Thomas acknowledged that Elmer Davis is no match for Hardy Burt. This is something, coming from a Marxist pretender to intellectual eminence. It is something again when a Marxist acknowledges, in effect, that his side is unable to maintain its argument against an honest and forceful presentation of hard "conservative" ideas.

But even more astounding was a group claiming to be dedicated to "cultural freedom" had successfully throttled such freedom for a group it didn't like in the name of "cultural freedom."

According to a former member, the American Committee for Cultural Freedom is "a small ingrown group of some 300 self-styled intellectuals largely concentrated on the Eastern seaboard and influenced chiefly by the ideas and prejudices predominating in that area."

That former member is George Schuyler, the famed Negro columnist of the Pittsburgh Courier. Mr. Schuyler, in an open letter resigning from the A. C. C. F., noted that the A. C. C. F. manifesto asserts that "freedom is based on toleration of divergent opinions."

Yet, continued Mr. Schuyler, "the A. C. C. F. has shown in some of its officials' actions a singular and unbecoming intolerance. One instance was its recent successful intervention with the National Broadcasting Company against free time for H. L. Hunt's Facts Forum, presumably because the viewpoints expressed on this program diverge from its own."

Still another A. C. C. F. member, since expelled from the A. C. C. F., assailed the organization for its "attack on free speech." Victor Lasky, in a letter to Norman Thomas, declared:

"I know nothing about Mr. Hunt, his views and motives. But, why can't you give him the benefit of the doubt when he says he is interested solely in presenting current issues as impartially as possible, believing that an informed public is democracy's best safeguard? I was under the impression you believe a man is innocent until he is proved guilty.

"But what I am mainly concerned about is that my name — though indirectly — is now connected with an effort which I believe is directed towards the destruction of free speech.

"I happen to believe strongly in free speech — not only for Norman Thomas but also for H. L. Hunt. The fact that Hunt is reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world should not be held against him, particularly when Henry Ford's tax-free billions are being used for activities (including radio and TV) which can hardly be said to give the conservative side a break.

"One radio show, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, which I happened to hear, may not be typical. It had Milton Mayer interviewing a Berliner who said he intended to make motion pictures in Soviet Germany because 'they have more freedom for such things there.'

"If you're now in the business of deciding what the American people should listen to, perhaps you could devote some of your new-found talents to examining the stuff put out by the Ford Foundation.

"Frankly, I'm not interested in doing so. I am interested in the A. C. C. F., particularly in its campaign to strengthen 'cultural freedom.' I'm afraid that by your intemperate action in regard to Facts Forum, the A. C. C. F. is now on record as just another 'pressure group' trying to create 'conformity' in the communications media by indulging in 'hysterical attacks,' leading to a 'reign of terror,' etc., etc."

The underhanded methods used by groups claiming to favor "civil liberties" to pressure radio-TV programs they don't like off the air were never better demonstrated than by an incident involving a thing calling itself the National Issues Committee, headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

The N. I. C., charging that "expanding influence of extremist organization and their increasing success in neutralizing all moderate views is of very grave concern," complained to the Mutual Broadcasting System about Facts Forum's shows, "State of the Nation" and "Reporter's Roundup."

The N. I. C.'s executive director, Don Pryor, threatened to take the



matter to the Federal Communications Commission, if Mutual didn't turn the shows over to him.

In a letter to Mr. Pryor, Hardy Burt, speaking for Facts Forum, declared that the N. I. C., "in trying to sabotage these programs" was attempting "to enforce a system of thought control in the United States — namely, your brand of thought."

"It is obvious that you are interested in having only one side of any public issue discussed or aired. You are not interested in honest debate; your interest is in propaganda."

"Your letter to the Mutual network refers to 'the expanding influence of extremist organizations.' If the influence of the National Issues Committee ever expands — that is, if the American public is ever gullible enough to permit it to expand, which I cannot conceive as possible — then I will be in wholehearted agreement with you that it will be of 'grave concern.'"

"You ask the network officials to turn over to the N. I. C. the production 'of one of the two programs now produced by Facts Forum.' You also state that 'Mutual has turned over two of its own well-established public affairs programs for production by Facts Forum . . . State of the Nation and Reporters' Roundup.'"

"If you had taken the time to check the facts before embarking on your attempted campaign of vilification, you might not have been so presumptuous as to try to intimidate the Mutual network."

"'State of the Nation' was conceived by the writer of this letter, who is also responsible for the production of the show including the selection of guests and topics. It was planned specifically for Facts Forum, which wants to get more people interested in public affairs."

"Beyond the request that I produce an honest, fair show, no official of Facts Forum has ever asked me to stress either 'liberal' or 'conservative' viewpoints."

"'Reporters' Roundup' is actually produced by the Mutual Broadcasting System. It features a different guest each week interviewed by newspaper reporters, who undoubtedly will not take lightly your aspersions on their integrity. At least, I would not if I were in their shoes."

"The next time you try to sabotage any programs which are produced and moderated by me, it would be highly advisable if the N. I. C. brought their charges to my attention."

"And the next time you start popping off against an honest organization whose purpose and integrity has been established as a matter of record, it would also be highly advisable to make your charges specific."

"Your letter implies that 'State of the Nation' and 'Reporters' Roundup' only present opinions represented by the 'extremes of Right and Left.'"

"Where and when and by whom, Mr. Pryor?"

Mr. Pryor, who apparently likes to indulge in hit and run tactics, never had the courtesy of replying to Mr. Burt. The accuser refused to face the accused.

Now, what is the N. I. C.? Not many Americans seem to have heard of it.

This is what the Firing Line, publication of the American Legion, said about the N. I. C. in its issue of September 1, 1954:

*"The National Issues Committee, Inc. should be brought to the attention of all Legionnaires and other patriotic Americans. The N. I. C. was formed in August, 1953, and maintains offices at 1832 Jefferson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C."*

*"This organization boasts that it is a non-partisan, non-profit education association whose purpose 'is to get facts out in the open, available to everyone, and encourage people to think and speak like free Americans.' According to an undated letterhead recently released by this group the N. I. C. stated that 'you know as well as we do what's been happening in America . . . under the banner of 500% Americanism, superpatriots, supercharged with bigotry have corroded the very heart of Americanism . . . in the name of anti-Communism, self-appointed vigilantes have served the cause of Communism better than the Communists themselves.'"*

*"In order to understand the nature of The National Issues Committee, Inc., let us examine the records of some of its Board Members."*

*"Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune has been affiliated with 28 organizations that have been cited subversive by duly authorized governmental agencies. She has been affiliated with the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born which has been labeled 'one of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States' by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (See Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, page 13.) She has also been affiliated with the American Youth for Democracy, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. She has been a vice-chairman of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited subversive and communist by the Attorney General of the United States in 1947, (See Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, page 34), and was president of The National Negro Women's Council. (See HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944)."*

*"Dr. Rufus E. Clement has been affiliated with 13 organizations that have been officially cited subversive. Dr. Clement has been a sponsor of the American Committee to Save Refugees, Congress on Civil Rights, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Scientific and Cultural Con-*

ference For World Peace. He has been listed as a National Sponsor of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which has been cited subversive and Communist by the Attorney General of the United States in 1947. (See Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, page 68; HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944).

"Dr. Frank P. Graham has been affiliated with 16 organizations which have been cited subversive. Dr. Graham has been a Chairman of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and signed a statement favoring presidential clemency for the release of Earl Browder, under the auspices of the Citizen's Committee to Free Earl Browder, who was then the National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA. In 1953 he was listed as a member of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union. (See HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944; "Report on Civil Liberties," January, 1951 — June 1953.)

"Miss Fannie Hurst has been affiliated with 14 organizations which have been officially cited subversive. She has been a sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, and Daughters of the American Depression. In 1939 she was a sponsor of the Campaign to Raise \$160,000 for Disabled Veterans Fund of Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. This organization was 'organized and controlled by the Communist Party from the beginning.' (See Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, page 53; HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944).

"James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, has been affiliated with the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, Civil Rights Congress, American Slav Congress, and a member of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union. (See HUAC, Appendix IX; "Report on Civil Liberties," January 1951 — June 1953.) On March 31, 1950, Patton appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee and said that 'the pending Mundt-Nixon bill (H.R. 7595) was repressive legislation . . . (and) does not achieve the objectives it is designed to achieve but actively interferes with the fulfillment of the best in American traditions.' (See HUAC, "Hearings on Legislation to Outlaw Certain Un-American and Subversive Activities," 1950, page 2353.)

"Judge Justine Polier has been affiliated with nine organizations and publications that have been cited un-American and subversive by governmental agencies. She has been an officer in the International Juridical Association, sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and signed a petition to discontinue the Dies Committee under the auspices of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom. (See HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944).

"Telford Taylor has been retained as a counsel for the left-wing labor leader Harry Bridges whom the Legion has opposed for 20 years. (See Congressional Record, 7/30/54, page 12122).

"In view of the backgrounds and records of these Board Members of the National Issues Committee, Inc., and the N. I. C.'s apparent opposition to Congressional investigations, this organization is not one which Legionnaires would

This, then, is the story — actually, only a small part of the story — of Facts Forum and the incredible campaign aiming to destroy it. It is a story which should give Americans food for thought. It is the story of how the Communists and their muddle-headed "liberal" allies have sought to control the basic media of communications, so that only one point of view — theirs — can be given to the American people.

But what the pseudo-liberals have failed to take into account is that Facts Forum, knowing what they're up to, refuses to bow under their pressures.

Facts Forum will continue its activities, presenting all views on controversial issues, "believing that it is the right and the obligation of the American people themselves to learn all the facts and come to their own conclusions."

## Civil Liberties Union Asked To Probe Fight on Facts Forum

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A producer of radio and TV shows for Facts Forum said yesterday he has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to investigate "an incredible campaign of vilification" aimed at muzzling the forum.

Producer Hardy Burt, in a letter to Patrick Malin, ACLU executive director, said this campaign had been traced to several organizations. Among these groups, he named the National Issues Committee and declared that earlier this year the N.I.C. complained to the Mutual Broadcasting System about two Facts Forum programs.

Mr. Burt said the complaint was an effort "to frighten and intimidate a radio network by conjuring up the 'bogey-man' of an FCC investigation."

In Washington, Don Pryor, executive director of the N.I.C., said his group had not complained about Facts Forum, but had asked the network for a program to avoid over-emphasis of one point of view in the programming. Mr. Pryor said his group, which is headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, disseminates information on national issues, but takes no partisan stand.

Another Group Named.

Mr. Burt added that another organization trying to keep Facts Forum off the air is the American Committee for Cultural Freedom. He said Norman Thomas, writing in the name of this group, "appeared to have succeeded in convincing NBC against having any dealings with Facts Forum."

Mr. Thomas said later he had not the slightest objection to Facts Forum being on the air, but said he did object to its effort to "monopolize public discussions programs."

"Under the guise of impartiality, they (Facts Forum) do not practice it," he said.

The veteran Socialist leader said that when he learned Facts Forum wanted to line up NBC

time for a program, he told David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, "NBC is big enough to run its own public discussion programs."

"Sarnoff and the NBC people came to agree with me," he said.

Founded by H. L. Hunt.

Facts Forum describes itself as a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization. It was founded and largely financed by H. L. Hunt, Texas millionaire.

Mr. Burt, who produces the programs "Answers for Americans" and "State of the Nation" for Facts Forum, said the organization's aim is to present both sides of any question fairly.

In his letter to the ACLU, Mr. Burt also said the Americans for Democratic Action had black-listed Facts Forum, and thereby "made it plain it does not consider Facts Forum worthy of the civil liberties it demands for Communists."

THE EVENING STAR, Washington  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1954

(United Press)

## ACLU Weighs Facts Forum's Plea for Probe

The American Civil Liberties Union indicated today it will weigh a request that it investigate "an incredible campaign" by certain organizations "aimed at destroying" Facts Forum, the controversial public affairs foundation launched three years ago by Texas oil man H. L. Hunt.

An 11-page complaint was delivered to the ACLU Friday, signed by Hardy Burt, an independent New York radio and television producer who has been in charge of two discussion programs for Facts Forum.

As participants in the campaign to drive Facts Forum programs off the air, Mr. Burt named Rep. Wayne Hays (D., Ohio); the National Issues Committee, headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, and Americans for Democratic Action.

### Director's Statement.

The complaint was addressed to Patrick Murphy Malin, executive director of the ACLU. Today he issued the following statement:

"As with all cases that raise important questions of possible civil liberties concern, Mr. Burt's request for an investigation of alleged efforts to silence the programs of Facts Forum will be carefully considered. As soon as the ACLU reaches a decision of course Mr. Burt will be notified."

The Facts Forum complaint against Rep. Hays was that he sought to end its tax-free status without giving the organization a hearing. Rep. Hays had issued a report condemning the foundation for alleged right-wing bias.

### 'Sneaky Methods.'

The organizations named in the complaint used "sneaky, underhanded methods" designed to "throttle" Facts Forum radio and television programs, Mr. Burt charged. Their purpose, he said, was "to enforce their own brand of 'thought control' on the radio and television networks."

A spokesman for ADA denied the charge. The ADA—itsself not a tax-free organization—had refused to send a representative to appear on a panel discussion program sponsored by Facts Forum because the ADA would do nothing to help the Texas foundation maintain a tax-free status, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the refusal had nothing to do with the right of Facts Forum to sponsor radio and television programs, and that the ADA fights to retain these rights for everyone and every group, "regardless of how inimical the person's opinion or the group's opinions might be to ADA."

Norman Thomas, Socialist leader and chairman of the administrative committee of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, said he had "not the slightest objection" to Facts Forum being on the air, but

does object to its effort, in his view, to "monopolize" discussion programs.

"Under the guise of impartiality," Mr. Thomas said, "they do not practice it."



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December 6, 1954

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Mr. Hardy Burt  
Hardy Burt and Associates  
104 East Fortieth Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Burt:

Inasmuch as your letter of November 30, 1954, with enclosures, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it.

It was thoughtful of you to make this information available.

Sincerely yours,

Helen F. Gandy  
Secretary

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There has been considerable controversy recently in the press regarding the program "Facts Forum" and H. L. Hunt. For that reason, the absence reply is deemed advisable.

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# WHERE ONE TEXAN'S MONEY GOES

## Oilman Hunt's Millions Keep Debate Forums on the Air

"Texas millionaires" has become a phrase loosely used to describe some colorful men in Texas who have made millions out of oil. People tend to think of them as a group.

But talk to some of these millionaires, and it turns out they are not a "group" but rugged individualists—more business rivals than collaborators. Some back football teams with their millions. Some play politics. Some devote

themselves to philanthropic causes in the field of education.

H. L. Hunt puts his spare cash into an organization called Facts Forum, which sponsors TV and radio discussions of public issues. This is the story of Mr. Hunt, the man, and of his Facts Forum programs.

Articles about other prominent Texans will be presented in future issues.

### DALLAS

One Texas millionaire is engaged in an experiment of increasing national importance.

Almost singlehandedly, this man is financing programs that are broadcast every week over about 100 television stations and some 1,000 radio stations spread across the nation. All these programs feature discussions of national and international issues.

Millions of people, through these programs, are given information and arguments that could influence their opinion on major public questions.

The organization that produces these programs is called Facts Forum, Inc. And the man who created Facts Forum is H. L. Hunt of Dallas.

Mr. Hunt is one of the richest of those colorful Texas men who have made millions in oil. But he wants it to be known that he is a member of no "group of Texas millionaires," as they are often called. Like the others, he is an interesting individualist. He regards himself as just a self-made man who has been successful and who is interested in using his vast wealth "to the greatest benefit of mankind."

Mystery man? For years, despite his wealth, Mr. Hunt has remained little known to the general public—a rather mysterious figure. Few people are familiar with his full name—Haroldson Lafayette Hunt—which he never uses.

Now, however, Mr. Hunt is becoming important in a field that attracts public attention to individuals. Some of the Facts Forum programs are stirring controversy. Congress is showing an interest in these programs and in the tax exemp-

tions which Facts Forum enjoys as a "nonprofit educational organization."

People are beginning to ask: "Who is this Mr. Hunt?" "What is he up to?"

To answer some of these questions, editors for U.S. News & World Report have interviewed Mr. Hunt and his associates, and have observed Facts Forum in operation here at its home base in Dallas.

One reason for the "mystery" about Mr. Hunt is quickly apparent. He does not go in for the ostentatious luxuries that many people are inclined to associate

with the life of a Texas millionaire. He lives rather simply, drives an inexpensive car, owns no yachts or fleets of private airplanes.

Also, Mr. Hunt is not much of a talker. "I do things first," he says, "instead of starting a lot of ballyhoo about what I am going to do." Actually, he makes no ballyhoo after he has done things, either. He is even deprecating about his wealth.

The Texas financial community rates Mr. Hunt as probably the richest of all the multimillionaires of oil. Says Mr. Hunt: "If I'm the richest, some others who are not the richest must be in a terrible fix."

Oilmen base their estimates of the Hunt fortune on his vast reserves of oil and natural gas underground. These reserves, although chiefly in Texas and Louisiana, are spread across the country from Florida to Montana and out into the Gulf of Mexico. It is predicted that, in time, these reserves will yield a billion dollars or more.

Starting a fortune. How did Mr. Hunt acquire all this wealth? Some of the popular versions prove to be more fiction than fact. One common report is that he won his first oil lease on a bluff bet in a poker game. The less dramatic fact is that he got a precarious start in oil by trading in leases on potential oil lands in the early 1920s, at a time when he was earning a meager living as a cotton planter in Arkansas.

Mr. Hunt drilled his first well on an Arkansas lease in which he had bought a very small interest. He used a broken-down drilling rig that he had picked up for unpaid freight charges, and he

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H. L. HUNT

... programs that reach millions

lawbored," as Texans say, a little credit for the necessary supplies.

That first well struck oil. But it yielded every little money. So did many Hunt oil wells that followed. For years he was only a modest success as a wildcatter.

In 1930, however, Mr. Hunt struck it rich, as an early operator in the fabulous east Texas oil field. Other successes followed.

As Mr. Hunt's wealth grew, he bought farms and ranches in Texas, Louisiana, Wyoming, Montana, Florida and Canada. Among other things, he became one of the nation's largest growers of paper-shell pecans.

All these purchases, however, did not use up all of Mr. Hunt's cash, and in 1948, when he was nearing 80, he began looking around for some way to use his spare money for what he calls the "benefit of mankind." He first started to set up a Farm Facts Foundation to teach conservation and practical farming.

Before this undertaking had matured, some of his friends and his two daughters convinced him that another type of foundation was more important. They argued that the gravest danger that the American people face is not hunger, but the loss of individual freedom chiefly through Communism. Mr. Hunt agreed, and the farm project was shelved.

In 1951, Mr. Hunt set up the foundation called Facts Forum. Its announced aims were: to resist totalitarianism by alerting people to its dangers, to contribute to adult education and to promote discussion of public issues.

Facts Forum began with the establish-

ment of neighborhood discussion groups in Dallas and other Texas cities. It evolved gradually into the big television and radio enterprise of today.

First of the Hunt-backed programs to go on the air was a series of pro and con discussions bearing the name "Facts Forum." These discussions are conducted, usually singlehandedly, by Dan Smoot, a former university teacher of English and more recently an investi-

gator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**One-man debate.** Mr. Smoot's method of operation is to choose some current issue and, in effect, debate the issue with himself. He will first argue one side of the question, then turn around and argue the other side. He does not state which side he really believes. Among questions Mr. Smoot has discussed recently are: "Should the United States impose a blockade of Communist China to force the release of American prisoners?" and "Has America safely resisted the world-wide trend toward socialism?"

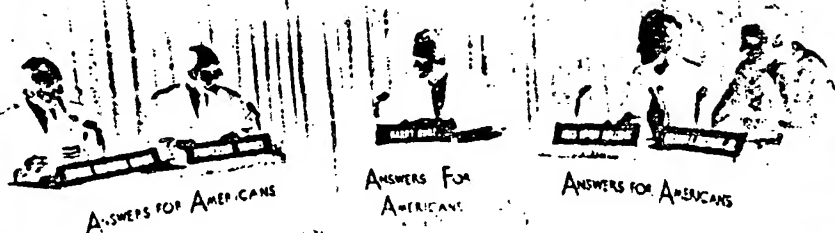
The weekly debates run for 30 minutes on 80 TV stations and 15 minutes on 265 radio stations.

Facts Forum produces the programs and distributes them on film or sound recordings to the stations which, for the most part, broadcast them as a public service without commercial sponsorship.

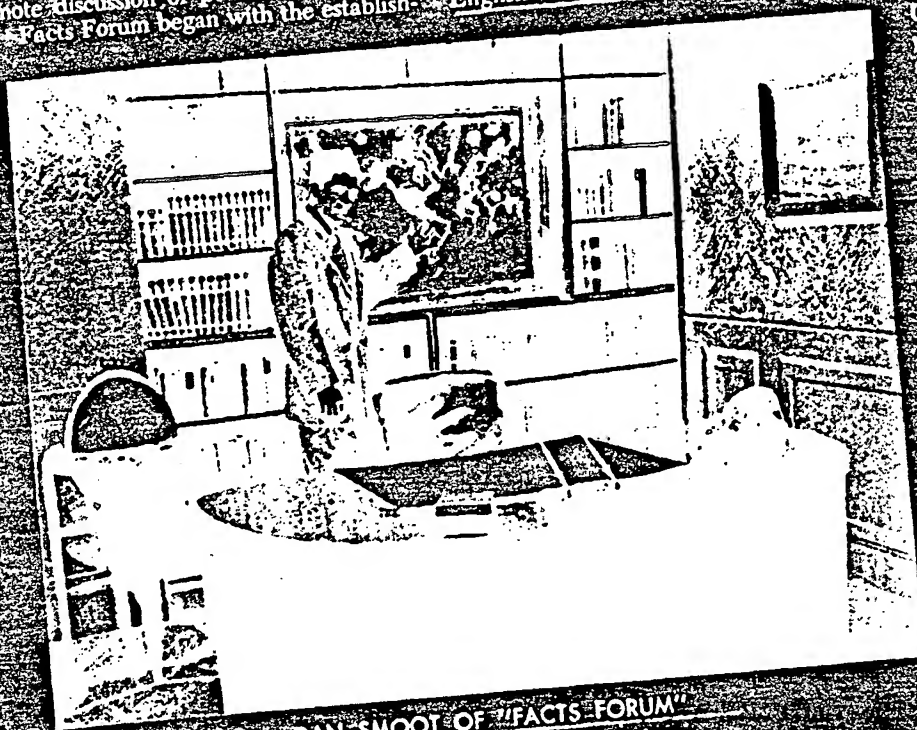
In 1953, after the debates became established, Facts Forum underwrote the production costs of another program called "State of the Nation." This is a weekly 30-minute radio program in which some Governor or other prominent person is interviewed by a panel of newsmen.

On "State of the Nation" have been discussed such questions as "Should the Senate censure Senator McCarthy?" and "juvenile delinquency." Moderator of the discussions is Hardy Burt of New York. The program is carried on 400 or more stations affiliated with the Mutual Broad-

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PANEL DISCUSSION ON "ANSWERS FOR AMERICANS"  
on 50 TV and 138 radio stations



DAN SMOOT OF "FACTS FORUM"  
on 80 TV and 265 radio stations



casting System and the Don Lee network on the Pacific Coast.

Next, also in 1953, was started the program "Answers for Americans." With Mr. Burt as moderator and a panel of three members, this program features discussions of questions such as: "How successful is the United Nations?" and "Is there bias in the American press?" It is aired by 50 TV and 138 radio stations. Facts Forum pays production costs.

Last year, Facts Forum became co-producer of "Reporters' Roundup," a program previously established by the Mutual Broadcasting System. This is a 350-station radio program in which moderator Robert F. Hurlough and a panel

are tax-free within the usual legal limits. That benefit stems from the incorporation of the Forum in Texas as a nonprofit educational institution.

Critics of Facts Forum and its programs have charged that the discussions are more propaganda than educational. They say the debates are "slanted" in favor of ultraconservatism, isolationism and the views of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (Rep.) of Wisconsin.

Forum officials deny these charges, describe much of the criticism as Communist "smears." They insist that both sides of any question discussed not only get equal time but even breaks in all other respects. The Forum acknowledges

"The middle of the roaders—Center will never attain convictions strong enough and loyalties staunch enough to do any considerable good. The

between simply represents entrenched apathy, and at the present time, apathy is the great enemy of America."

In reply to charges that Facts Forum is a "front" for the Republican Party, Mr. Hunt says: "I have little preference between the parties. I am for whoever will do most to get the Communists out of Government."

To assertions that the Forum has sought to run Senator McCarthy for President, Mr. Hunt answers: "Facts Forum supports no candidates, and treats McCarthyism like all other issues."

Similarly, Mr. Hunt objects to the "Conservative" label applied to him and the Forum. He said: "I don't have a conservative hair in my head. I couldn't have taken a shoestring and run it up as I have done if I were in the least degree conservative."

Mr. Hunt disclaims any strong opinion for or against the United Nations, but he admits strong feelings about U. S. economic aid to other nations. He says: "It is an outrage that tax money withheld from wages should be used for unnecessary foreign aid for people who take two to four hours' siesta time at lunch."

So far, no official agency has passed judgment on Facts Forum's claim to impartiality, although one congressional committee has declared that bias would be "highly improper" in any public information program supported by tax-exempt funds.

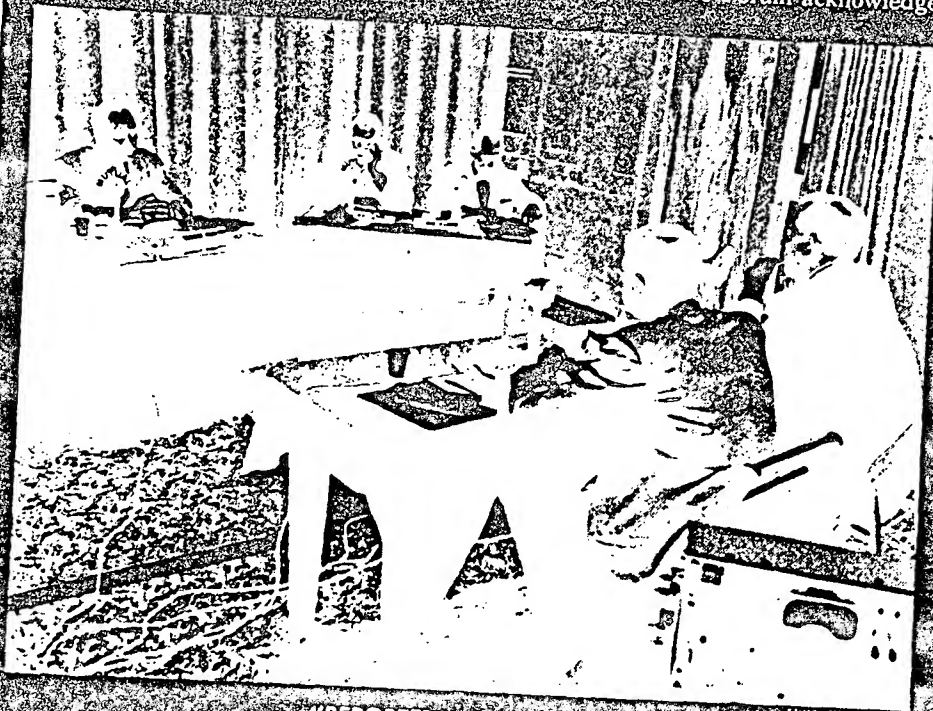
At the request of some members of Congress, however, a study was made of the foundation's right to tax exemption. The exemption was upheld by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Oilman's empire.** Mr. Hunt's ventures into TV and radio have not slowed his activities in his primary interest—oil. Although he already has a business empire that few can match in size, he continues to expand it. His oil companies still engage in "wildcat" drilling, risk huge sums in new oil quests.

Mr. Hunt, a big, vigorous, hard-working man, keeps a close eye on every phase of his far-flung operations. Reared on a farm, he retains an active interest in farming, is a big-scale cattleman.

The Hunt home in Dallas is an oversize copy of George Washington's old home, Mount Vernon. It is big, but not lavish. Mr. Hunt takes little part in Dallas's social whirl, is not known as a mixer—even among the other Texas millionaires. He takes pride in his four sons and two daughters, is more inclined to boast about them than about his business enterprises.

One thing, Mr. Hunt emphasizes, he does not belong to any "group of Texas millionaires." His enterprises are his own.



"REPORTERS' ROUNDUP" on 350 radio stations

of newsmen interview public figures. Mr. Hunt himself does not appear on any of these programs.

**New program coming.** Now a fifth weekly program, called "The Infiltrators," is to be added, with Mr. Burt as producer, designed to point out how Communism has infiltrated U. S. life.

**Facts Forum News** now a monthly publication with 75,000 circulation is aiming at a goal of 1.5 million circulation and conversion into a weekly.

All told, it takes about 4 million dollars a year to keep Facts Forum's TV and radio programs on the air. But more than 3 million of that—the cost of the air time—is borne by the stations that broadcast them and by about 30 commercial sponsors.

To ease the financial load further on Mr. Hunt and 2,000 other smaller Facts Forum contributors, their contributions

no fixed position on any issue except Communism. It is against that.

**Forum's goal.** What is Mr. Hunt trying to accomplish with all these programs? His own answer is that he is trying to provide a "sounding board" for wide-spread discussion of important issues. He pictures the Forum's role as "moderator" between the opposing philosophies debated.

The opposing philosophies of our time, as Mr. Hunt conceives them, are the "Conservative" philosophy—which he prefers to call "Constructive"—and the "Liberal" philosophy. Says Mr. Hunt:

"It is the followers of one of these philosophies who will save freedom in America if it is to be saved. It will not be the middle of the road group, whose thinking lies between these two philosophies and for whose support the Liberals and Constructives compete."



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 21, 1955, and its enclosures have been received.

Since the sending of this letter through the mails does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, I have referred it and a copy of your communication to the Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., for attention.

I am not able to give you any information concerning the frequency of this type of incident. The page from "Facts Forum" which you sent is being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Page from "Facts Forum" which was sent in by correspondent.

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Copy of communication and original obscene letter to the Post Office Department.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

22 April, 1955

Dear Sir:

I have just been asked permission to quote an item I wrote to a newspaper by "Facts Forum News". I have given permission for them to quote me as I see no point in refusing such assent to anyone.

However, in these days of clever misuse of titles, phrases and language I began to have my doubts about this organization even though some of the administrative staff names used by them seem to be above question. Hence, I must turn to someone in whom one has confidence so I am asking you if this organization is truly free from any taint of communistic leanings. Is it too much trouble for you to let me know?

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 22, 1955, has been received.

In response to your request, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer either that we do or do not have information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. "Facts Forum News" is a publication of Facts Forum which was organized during the Summer of 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. Former SA Harold D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate Facts Forum.

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A memorandum dated July 14, 1951, recommended that we not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way. (62-94811-4)





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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

You would not remember me, of course, of all the people you meet and deal with, but while in the Armed Forces I met you and you were a lot of help to us in our work as we dealt with the GI's in the training program. Since leaving the Army I have been working primarily with our youth in Texas and have made many visits to other states dealing with the problems of juvenile delinquency, alcoholism and dope addiction.

I have just had a conference with Mr. Dan Smoot who heads up Facts Forum. He is going to do a television and radio program and also make a 16 mm. film on the subject of these problems mentioned above. Would you give us a short report on the conditions of our country along these lines? Herewith I am sending a sample of the type and kind of report that we need for this particular program.

As I am sure you know, Mr. Smoot is nationally known and his radio and TV programs have nation-wide coverage. You can see the influence and impact of such a program and film being televised. If you can render us this service we will be most grateful. Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

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# A Christian AMERICA

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Reverend Billy Graham

DURING my recent trips abroad, I have become extremely conscious of America's place of responsibility and leadership in the world in which we live. Our place of leadership in the world is far higher than the average American can possibly comprehend. We are living in a world which has thrust upon our shoulders responsibilities unparalleled and unprecedented in the history of the entire world. And at this moment we are in danger of fumbling the ball.

Our country was founded upon a supernaturalistic concept — a belief in God and a belief in the book we call the Bible. Our early settlers came to this country, landed on our shores, with a Bible in their hands and they worshipped God and made

the belief in God the heart and the basis upon which government was to be built. The *Mayflower* landed in Plymouth in 1620 and the Mayflower Pact acknowledged God — but more than God — Christ as Master.

Nearly every state constitution of the 13 original colonies recognized God as supreme majesty. On September 11, 1777, the Continental Congress voted an expenditure of \$300,000 to buy copies of the Bible to be distributed. Yet the Supreme Court of this country in 1952 has said that this Bible cannot be taught in our public schools . . .

The ethical and moral concepts of Christianity are found completely through the Declaration of Independence. Our government officials in the early days when the Consti-



tutional Congress met in Philadelphia were at loggerheads and were about to break up and form 13 separate nations when Benjamin Franklin stood up and said: "Gentlemen, let us pray. Perhaps in the midst of our prayers, God will speak to us." And out of that prayer meeting came the immortal document, the Constitution of the United States.

IT WAS God from the beginning. Take our educational institutions, Harvard for example. In the bequest of Mr. Harvard, he gave several rules and precepts that were to be observed by Harvard College, and the second rule reads as follows: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main ends of his life and studies; to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all knowledge and learning and see the Lord only giveth wisdom. Let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek Christ as Lord and Master."

Yale College was founded by Christian ministers in the interest of religious education. Columbia University, in an advertisement dated July 3, 1752, in the *New York Gazette*, stated: "The chief things that are aimed at in this college are to teach and engage the children to know God and Jesus Christ and to love and to serve Him in all sobriety,

Godliness, righteousness, in life with a perfect heart and a willing mind." The present President of Dartmouth has said: "Dartmouth College was conceived in the fervor of a religious revival and born in the throes of a great missionary zeal dedicated to Christ, our Redeemer."

The warp and woof of our government is faith in God. On our coins, "In God We Trust," and a Bible in every courtroom in America. Our forefathers meant that this country was to be established as a Christian nation, but we've departed from that concept. We decided a few years ago that we no longer needed God. We decided a few years ago that we no longer needed the Christianity that had made us great and had given us our sense of fair play and our sense of justice; had given us our discipline; and had given us our generosity, our hospitality.

I have traveled in parts of the world where Christianity has never been. There are no hospitals. Their religions have built no orphanages. Their religions have no feeling for the common man and for the common man who is down and out — or the man who has nothing. It was Christianity that gave us our social benefits, but we decided that we no longer needed that Christianity; that we had discovered that we had something new and better, and so we substituted something else instead of God. We substituted reason, rationalism, mind culture, science worship, the working power of

government, Freudianism, naturalism, humanism, behaviorism, positivism, materialism and idealism. We decided that we were going to develop the minds of men and forget that they were souls.

HOWEVER we are more than a body. The Bible tells us that we are everlasting, eternal souls, and our souls have consciences — our souls have intelligence — our souls have memories. The soul is that part of us that lives on and on and on — that part of us that is the real us.

We have fed the body, we have dressed the body, we have painted the body — spent much time feeding the lusts and passions of the body — eating and drinking and pleasing the body, but we have spent very little time on the development of our soul until we have become a nation of full heads, but empty souls — shrivelled and dried up souls. It would not be so bad if we had not developed a Frankenstein monster called the hydrogen bomb that could destroy much of mankind. Here we find ourselves, with bombs, and we do not have the moral strength or the moral intelligence or the moral courage to control the energy we have found.

So the Word of God says: "They have rejected the word of the

Lord and, lo, what wisdom is in them?" The result of this departure from this supernaturalistic concept and this departure from God has been that we are in an age of frustration — an age of nervous tension.

I think that when the history books are written — if there are any written of this present generation

— we will be called the Vitamin Capsule Age. For we take vitamin pills, square pills, black pills, yellow pills, and red pills. We take dextro-drine to wake us up in the morning and sleeping pills to put us to sleep — with a lot of aspirin thrown in between.

An age of tension — nervous tension — selfishness and fear. The titles of new books, what are they? *The Decline of the West*, *The Decay and Restoration of Civilization*, *Civilization on Trial*, *The End of Our Time*, *The Crisis of Our Age*, *The Crisis of Civilization*, *The Annihilation of Man*, *The Abolition of Man*, and Professor Albert Weber says, "We are now at the end of history as we know it."

An age of fear —

I sat in the House of Commons the day that they had the debate on the hydrogen bomb and I heard Mr. Clement Attlee stand up and give one of the most challenging talks I have ever heard. Mr. Attlee said, "In





the last 3,000 years we have only had 277 years of peace . . . if we look at history it offers no comfort . . . the problem of the world is not with the bomb — the problem of the world is with man. . . . We have got to do something about man!"

Then Sir Winston Churchill stood up — and looked over the House of Commons and said in his own way, "I have a hope! — a hope! — to offer to this House of Commons today. . . . Our bombs have become so big that they in themselves have become a deterrent to war."

We have another hope! That hope is to get back to God and to the Bible and spiritual revival and to return to the God of our fathers.

It has been my privilege during recent days to talk to leaders of State. I was ushered into No. 10 Downing Street, and there "Mr. History" himself sat in a room, humped over, all alone, and after we had exchanged a pleasantries and we had talked a bit, he said, "The storm clouds are beginning to gather and they may break upon the world in all their maddening fury." Then he said, "Young man, what we must have is a return to God."

Five days before he was inaugurated President of the United States, it was my privilege to go into Eisenhower's office at the Commodore Hotel in New York — and this great man who had been a General in our Army and now in five days

was to become President of the United States, looked out the window for a few full minutes, turned around and said, "America has to have a religious revival if we are to be saved."

**T**HIS HAS been an age of fear, and men's hearts are failing them, and no man has the answer. This has also been an age of lawlessness, an age of immorality, an age of insecurity, an age of chaotic international relationships in which we find ourselves engaged, within ten years after the last war, in a Cold War that threatens to become one of the hottest wars of all time, and our leaders today are calling upon us to return to God.

When are we going to start?

Someone said to Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, "Don't you think God is on our side?" He replied, "I'm not concerned whether God is on our side or not, but I am concerned whether we are on God's side."

I want to tell you this. You can put a prayer chapel in the Congress and thank God for it. You can keep on our coins, "In God We Trust" and thank God for it, and you can keep Bibles in our courtrooms and thank God for it. We can have religious utterances by our leaders and thank God for it, but God will honor only one thing — sincere contrition of heart in repentance of our sins and a turning to His Son, Christ Jesus, as Lord, Saviour and Master.

Society cannot repent corporately. It must be done by individuals as individuals. Today you must turn from your sins and dedicate your lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what salvation is going to take.

I love our flag. I would die for it. I believe in it, but the only way that that flag is going to wave above the homes of our children in the next generation is if you and I pay the price of personal repentance and dedicate life and purpose to Christ in this generation.

What kind of world will America live in in the future? I think to myself, unless God Almighty intervenes, my little boy may never see college age! That is how desperate the condition of the world is. That is how rapidly moving we are today, and the only answer is a spiritual awakening and a return to God, in which God will intervene and save us.

**I** CALL upon you today to repent. Dedicate your lives to Christ. There are evidences today that we are having the greatest religious resurgence in American history. The sale of religious books last year was three times over all other books put

together. Newspapers and magazines are beginning to realize that religion is hot copy. All over the United States and Europe great crowds are gathering to hear the Gospel. Radio and television are filled with religion. Secular organizations such as the American Legion and the Restaurant Association are promoting religion. There is a move on to put Christ back into Christmas. Our Christian seminaries and Christian schools are overflowing. Our American church membership now stands at 60 to 80 per cent of all eligible adults.

During the Civil War, only 15 per cent were members and during the Revolutionary War only 12 per cent were members, but today 80 per cent of our adults are members of a church. Also, the religious films that are being produced in Hollywood today are box office attractions; religious songs are being popularized; there's the prayer breakfast in Washington, the prayer meetings in Hollywood.

All of these are indications of a religious resurgence that brings hope to our hearts. We may have a spiritual revival soon enough to save us. I pray to God we may.





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## *Introducing* THE MAN AND BOY MOVEMENT

The main objective of The Man and Boy Movement—major southwide Brotherhood objective—is to encourage men to invite and take unchurched boys to Sunday School. The idea of the plan was conceived in the mind of a consecrated Baptist layman, F. Ivy Boggs, Dallas, Texas, in answer to the prayer: "What is it Lord that men *can do* that they *will do* in the field of evangelism?"

Briefly, here is the idea behind The Man and Boy Movement:

A man is to find (or be directed to) an unchurched boy. Upon contacting his boy, the man is to invite him, and then take him to his Sunday School for four Sundays. After the man has brought the boy to Sunday School for four Sundays, it is believed that the Sunday School will have made a deep enough impression on him, and that he will have become acquainted enough in his new experiences, that he will want to come back. Too, after four Sunday's attendance, he will have been enrolled in some individual's class, and, in turn, will have become a direct responsibility of the Sunday School department of the church.

From this brief presentation it can be readily seen that the plan is practical and workable. This simple plan will reach unchurched boys for Bible study. Each man is to be put upon his individual ingenuity to contact, develop friendship, and bring his adopted lad to the Sunday School of his church for four Sundays.

## *Reaching, Teaching, Winning*



## *Adopting* THE MAN AND BOY MOVEMENT

The simplicity and possibilities of The Man and Boy Movement make it a workable and practical objective for any Brotherhood. However, if the plan is to receive the promotion necessary for its success in and through the Brotherhood, it must be adopted by the men of the organization as a working objective.

Upon the shoulders of the officers of the Brotherhood rests the responsibility of presenting the plan to reach boys to the men of their church in such a way that they will be informed of its purposes and challenged into participating in its achievement\*. To achieve this end, the following six suggestions are made to the officers:

- 1) The president of the Brotherhood should contact the state Brotherhood offices and have the secretary forward to him all available helps on The Man and Boy Movement, including tracts, membership cards, and cards upon which applications for service awards may be made.

- 2) The president should present the materials at one of the regular executive committee meetings of the Brotherhood that the officers might discuss its merits and possibilities.

- 3) If the officers of the Brotherhood vote to promote the objective, then the program vice president should be charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting a special program to the Brotherhood in which The Man and Boy Movement will be presented and discussed. A capable and informed speaker should be secured to speak on the subject.

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4) An all-out effort should be made to build the attendance at the Brotherhood meeting in which the objective is presented. A special banquet meeting may be in order that the men might be encouraged to attend.

5) After presenting The Man and Boy Movement in the regular meeting, the president should ask the men to adopt the objective as a working project of the Brotherhood and to commit themselves to the accomplishing of the objective by signing membership cards in the movement.

6) After adoption of the objective, the president of the Brotherhood should appoint a Boys' Work Committee, if the Brotherhood does not already have one, and charge the committee with the responsibility of the future promotion of the objective among the men of the church. The cards which were signed at the meeting in which The Man and Boy Movement was adopted as a working objective should be turned over to the chairman of the Boys' Work Committee that they may be used by his committee in following through with the promotion of the newly adopted objective.

The officers, in making the plans for the presentation of The Man and Boy Movement to the Brotherhood, should make sure that the objective will be ably presented to a large constituency of the men of their church.

They must remember that the men will respond to the challenges of The Man and Boy Movement in direct proportion to the time, prayer, and effort of the officers in the presentation and follow through on the objective.

*\*If the Brotherhood already has a Boy's Work Committee, then the Chairman of this committee, instead of the president, should take the lead in the presentation of the objective to the men of the Brotherhood.*

***Man And Boy Movement***



## *Promoting* THE MAN AND BOY MOVEMENT

The Boys' Work Committee of the Brotherhood, appointed by the president of the organization, has the responsibility of promoting The Man and Boy Movement.

For the men of the Brotherhood to understand and adopt The Man and Boy Movement as a working objective is not enough. To really get the desired results, a well-planned and promoted system of "follow through" must be adopted and continually emphasized among the men of the church. The Boys' Work Committee is charged with the responsibility of preparing and promoting such a program.

The men of the Brotherhood, in signing the membership cards at the meeting in which the objective was adopted, asserted their interest in the movement and also their willingness to participate in the blessings and benefits of this practical plan to reach boys. If the Boys' Work Committee can develop and promote a system of "follow through" that will sustain the initial interest of these members in the movement, they will do much to assure its success among the men of the church. The main purpose of the work of this committee is to assist each man who has or will identify himself with the movement to reach not one but many unchurched lads for Bible study.

For the personnel of the Boys' Work Committee to do their best work they should:

- 1) Hold regular monthly meetings to check progress and discuss future promotional plans.
- 2) Make regular reports to the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood and seek the counsel of the Brotherhood officers in promoting the adopted objective.
- 3) Make the promotion of The Man and Boy Movement a personal as well as a committee project, and continually seek to enlist men in the movement in every personal contact.
- 4) Publicize the merits, need, and progress of the Brotherhood objective at every opportunity. Brief news items in the church bulletin, newspaper, etc., should prove beneficial.
- 5) Make spot announcements in church services and Brotherhood meetings concerning promotional plans and achievements.



6) Set aside a special period during the regular church service or Brotherhood meeting at which time those who have qualified themselves for service awards might be honored and presented the certificates which they have earned.

7) After the movement has been adopted and is being promoted by the Brotherhood, plan a Man and Boy banquet and urge men to bring both church and unchurched lads as their guests. Such a banquet will create and sustain interest in the movement.

8) Encourage men who have earned service awards to display them. The display of the certificates will arouse interest in those who see them.

9) Contact the pastor and Sunday School superintendent for a list of names and addresses of unchurched boys. If a man has not found a boy within four weeks after he has identified himself with The Man and Boy Movement by signing a membership card, he should be given one of the names from this list to contact. In cities and large communities, the chairman of the Boys' Work Committee and pastor should contact the municipal officers, especially those of the city and juvenile courts, and explain to them the purposes of The Man and Boy Movement and ask their cooperation by supplying some names of boys who have appeared before them and who can and should be reached for Bible study.

10) Follow through on any and all practical suggestions that may be presented, discussed, and adopted for promotion in the regular meetings of the committee.

The above list of suggestions for the promotion of The Man and Boy Movement is by no means complete. The Boy's Work Committee, charged with the responsibility of promoting the objective among the men of their church, will adopt and promote many other practical and workable ideas that will blend themselves together to arouse the men of their church into becoming participants in this practical plan to reach boys for Bible study—The Man and Boy Movement.

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Contact the Brotherhood secretary of your state, or write direct to the southwide offices in Memphis for any additional information or help which you might need. These men will be only too glad to assist you in making The Man and Boy Movement a working objective of your Brotherhood.



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Hats off to Governor Goodwin Knight of California who issued an order to his state employees at state parties, saying, "Cake and ice cream at state employees parties are fine, but liquor is definitely out . . . there must be no drinking, no liquor, no parties or celebrations of that character," the Governor said.

One of our major problems in America is drunkenness. Day after day, week after week, and year after year, liquor threatens to eat away the luster of our gleaming past, and corrode the brightness of our future.

Arrests for drunkenness per hundred thousand population have climbed from 831 in 1932 to 1,810 in 1952, an increase of 118 per cent in 20 years.

Last year we spent nine billion dollars on legal liquor, another four billion dollars on illegal liquor, five billion dollars on "cures," five billion dollars on

work stoppage due to drunkenness, and five billion more for crimes in which drunkenness figured. The creeping paralysis of liquor is sapping our morals, ruining our homes, and luring people away from the church. To an intelligent person, there is simply no argument for insobriety.

Thank God for principal leaders like Governor Knight who have the integrity and the fortitude to sound a solemn warning regarding the perils of drunkenness.

Many Christians have been too smug concerning this great and forbidding evil. Negatively they have folded their hands and said: "Drunkenness doesn't bother me," while at the same time they do nothing to "bother drunkenness," and to destroy its devastating power. Christians have often been complacent while such organizations as Alcoholics Anonymous have sprung up to do the job the church should have been doing all the while.

The Bible is not silent concerning any force which ruins the souls of men. It strikes and strikes hard against any and all of Satan's tricks and devices, and it is very clear in its utter denunciation of drunkenness.

The Bible says: "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower . . ." (Isa. 28:1)

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor to drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also . . ." (Hab. 2:15)

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness . . ." (Luke 21:34)

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness . . ." (Romans 13:13)

"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue all night . . ." (Isa. 5:11)

"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)

Warnings against drunkenness are found in God's Word from Genesis on through the New Testament and the evils of strong drink are propounded again and again.

Drunkenness was the cause of Noah's sin and debauchery and the ensuing curse upon his sons.

Drunkenness brought moral disgrace to Lot and his family.

Drunkenness became King Elah's "Waterloo" when he got drunk in Tirzah and his chief chariot captain, Zimri, conspired against him, murdered him and set himself up as king.

Drunkenness stupefied Belshazzar and his lords and betrayed them into the hands of their enemies. Addiction to strong drink, added to their long list of other sins, caused God to write upon the gilded walls of the palace, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." (Dan. 5:27)

Yes, drunkenness is clearly renounced and denounced in the Bible. In both the



tribunal of Sacred Writ and Reason, drunkenness is given an irrefutable verdict of "guilty," and stands condemned as a menace to society, an insult to God, and a disgrace to man.

Let's take a look at the facts! The first year of Repeal, 1934, America drank a per capita average of over 8 gallons of beer, wine and whiskey. In 1954, twenty years after Repeal, the per capita average has increased to over 18 gallons.

George R. Reilly, of California, testified to a Senate subcommittee that alcoholic consumption in that state had zoomed from 70 million gallons per year 17 years ago to 225 million gallons per annum today, and that at the present rate of increase it would reach 500 million gallons annually.

Arrests for driving while intoxicated have increased 175% in the past twenty years. Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, former governor of Minnesota, recently declared that drunken driving was doing more harm than Communism.

It strikes at the very heart of American idealism, gives our enemies choice material for propaganda, is a wanton waste of time, money, and energy, and eats at the foundation of our homes.

Evangeline Booth, angel of the Salvation Army, who, through her fine organization, has gathered up human wreckage from the streets and alleys of the world, never spoke truer words than when she said:

"Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged

more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves, than any other poisonous scourge that ever swept its death dealing waves across the world."

The Bible puts drunkenness in the same category with other vicious sins. Listen: "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:10)

I stand with the Bible on the question of drunkenness, and to be true to our convictions any true minister of the Gospel must make bold to declare what the Word of God says about this social evil. Any sin which can keep a man from inheriting the kingdom of God, I must denounce and decry, and the Bible says: "No drunkard . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God."

First, the Bible says: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying." (Romans 13:13)

At least ten thousand people die every year, and another 250,000 are wounded in accidents on our streets and highways, involving people who are drunk or near-drunk!

Our prisons are filled today with thousands of men and women who committed crimes against society while under the influence of strong drink.

Our daily papers carry sordid stories about people who commit unthinkable crimes while under the influence of strong drink.

In Indiana, a man under the influence of strong drink came home and murdered his wife and three children with a shotgun.

Most of the assaults on young girls which we have been reading about lately were committed by men whose minds were inflamed by drinking.

Our crime rate, oddly enough, has increased in exact ratio to our mounting alcoholic consumption.

No wonder the Bible says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20:1)

Secondly, the record shows us that drunkenness and juvenile delinquency go hand in hand.

I am not one to languish for the "good old days," but when I was in high school, I can remember none of my classmates drinking. They did many other things perhaps as bad or worse, but, generally speaking, there was no drinking in the sixteen-year-old set.

In Nassau County, New York, a scientifically conducted survey was conducted with 29,000 students and it was revealed that 90 per cent of them drink alcoholic beverages.

Official figures from the files of Ada County, Idaho, revealed that 96 per cent of juvenile delinquent cases in that county, coming before the court, involved liquor.

In Dallas County, Texas, the grand jury had this to say about drunkenness and juvenile delinquency: "In numerous instances we have seen that juveniles and young people involved in crimes have a short time earlier been in beer joints, taverns and honky-tonks."

At Laguna Beach, California, over 100 high school and college students were arrested after two nights of wild drinking orgies, which were said to be so disgraceful as to make the gin parties of the roaring twenties look like a Sunday school picnic.

But what can you expect when many modern parents have whiskey in the family bar and gin in the medicine cabinet? Many fathers and mothers can't spend a holiday, go on a picnic, observe a birthday, celebrate Christmas, or entertain friends without tanking up on liquor.

A recent survey reveals that in three out of five cases of juvenile delinquency, either the fathers or the mothers were excessive drinkers.

These are unvarnished facts about drunkenness and juvenile delinquency. "Fool's Hill" has been wet down with alcohol and our youngsters are plunging down it into a dark and perilous future. May God help us!

Surveys reveal that one million youngsters between the ages of ten and



seventeen years of age come before the police each year; three-fifths of them are from homes cursed by drunkenness. The soul of one of those little mixed up delinquents is worth more than all the holdings of all the breweries and the distilleries in the world.

Thirdly, drunkenness is related to immorality and sin.

Drunkenness not only dulls the mind and depresses the spirit; it inflames the baser passions and brings out the animal in man.

The Bible mentions it in the same breath with "chambering and wantonness." It says, "Let us not walk in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness." (Romans 13:13)

One expert authority estimates that 50 per cent of the divorces in America are the result of, or are related to, drunkenness.

One prominent judge said that in 19 out of 21 divorce cases reviewed in his court the tavern had something to do with them.

Fourthly, drunkenness and death are related.

A prominent law enforcement officer recently told me that in 90 per cent of highway and traffic accidents drinking is involved somewhere. Death indeed rides with the drunken driver.

"Liquor strikes five times as many as tuberculosis and cancer combined," said Dr. Louis Evans.

The Bible meant what it said when it declared: "Woe to the crown of pride,

to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is as a fading flower." (Isa. 28:1)

When a flower fades it has begun to die, and when a civilization begins to die, it increasingly demands the stimulation of alcoholic spirits. Before Rome fell, she was drunken. Before Babylon fell, she was inebriate. Before Greece fell, she was given to revelling and wantonness. Drunken orgies always precede the "handwriting" of God's judgment.

In America we have a million men and a hundred thousand women who have been knocked out of normal living because of drunkenness and alcoholism.

General Pershing once said that drunkenness has killed more men than all of history's wars.

We could go on compiling fact upon fact, depicting the evils of drunkenness and insobriety, but that would be useless.

In my opinion, drunkenness is not merely a disease, it is a vicious, ugly, devastating sin. The Bible plainly says: "Drunkards shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:10)

Man's heart without God is a vacuum—an empty void. Man, in his desire to be self-sufficient, tries to fill that vacuum with things other than God. He substitutes pleasure, lust, drunkenness, revellings, and wantonness. But they will no more fill the need of man, fill the void in his heart, than a square peg will fit into a round hole.

Ask Mel Trotter who was so entrenched in drunkenness that he sold the shoes off his dead baby's feet to buy another drink, but at long last made Christ Lord and Master of his life, and became one of the greatest mission workers America has ever known.

Ask Jerry McCauley who, tired and disappointed in Satan's bill of fare, stepped into the old Bowery Mission, yielded himself to Christ, and became the greatest soul winner of his day.

Ask any of the thousands of men who were saved from drunkenness by the power of Jesus Christ, and they will smile (if they don't shout) and say, "In Christ we are more than conquerors."

Christ will never ask you to give up something unless He gives you something better in exchange. He asked Peter to give up his nets, but He gave him the "keys of heaven." He asked the little lad to give up his loaves and fishes, but he gave him a square meal. He asked the disciples to deny themselves, but He gave them life eternal.

I am preaching regeneration and transformation. The acceptance of Christ as personal Savior will change the desire of man's heart and fill it with something that satisfies. Many have tried to fill the heart's vacuum with something that can never satisfy. The Bible has the answer: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

Only as you let Christ come into your heart can you have happiness

without a headache, real joy without a hangover, and a thrill without a high-ball. God, through Christ, has made this provision for you. "If any man hear my voice and open the door," said Christ, "I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20)

The Bible says: "The spirit and the bride say, come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)

Your heart cannot survive on synthetics. Christ alone can satisfy your deepest longing. Make Him Master and Lord of your life right now.



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### ● Increased Proportion of Church Receipts Through the Cooperative Program

Encourage church to adopt unified budget to finance its work.

Study world needs and local needs in relationship to the local church budget and financial ability of the church membership.

Hold Associational and District (Regional) Brotherhood meetings where State and Southern Baptist agencies are located to acquaint men with institutions receiving Cooperative Program funds.

Educational program by the Brotherhood to acquaint men of the church with the plan and method of the Cooperative Program funds.

Local and Associational Brotherhoods invite heads of denominational agencies and institutions as guests to present the story and needs of their respective agencies.

### ● Program of Advance in Missions

Lead men to understand the needs of our Mission Boards.

Relate place of Baptist colleges and seminaries to our denominational program of missions through programs and institutes.

Cooperate with denominational agencies and institutions in securing and maintaining adequate facilities and endowments.

Let Executive Committee plan for an emphasis during the year on one or all of the following: Associational Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions.

### ● Learn Through Personal Representatives

Churches are sending pastor to Home and Foreign Mission fields—encourage use of men.

Be alert to opportunities for men of your Brotherhood to make such visit to institutions and mission fields.

Use the experiences and testimonies of pastor or men returning from a mission field to awaken church to their stewardship of the gospel to distant places in the homeland and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Use missionaries in vicinity who are on furlough.

Encourage church to send pastor to Southern Baptist Convention and a side trip to a Home Mission field on return home.

## 4 ★ Youth

### ● Men Leaders for Boys' Groups

Provide counselors—at least one counselor or leader can be provided for each Royal Ambassador Chapter in your church by the church Brotherhood. Consult with the W. M. president of your church.

If your church have a Boy Scout Troop the Brotherhood provide leadership as needed.

In larger churches, study advisability of organizing a Young Men's Brotherhood; provide counsel and assistance if and when such an organization is set up.

Urge church to provide supplies and equipment.

Encourage men to teach boys' classes in Sunday School.

Encourage men to serve as leaders in Training Union.

Help arrange for men and young men to attend youth leadership training conferences and camps.

### ● Recreational Program

Conduct a year round recreational program for the youth of your church under the direction of your Pastor, Educational Director, Youth leader or Church Recreation Committee.

Furnish leadership for church athletic teams, camp or retreat programs.

Sponsor camping trips for boys in cooperation with boys' groups in the church or association.

Sponsor banquets for boys' groups to give recognition, impetus or encouragement.

### ● Cooperation with Juvenile Court Authorities

Contact Juvenile Court authorities—arrange for officials of these agencies to address church and associational Brotherhood meetings.

Confer with Associational Missionary or Moderator with view to establishing a Juvenile Assistance Program in your association.

Secure literature on Southern Baptist Juvenile Program from Leland H. Waters, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Name some individual on committee as chairman or contact man with Juvenile Court authorities.

### ● Assistance to Program of Ministry to the Military

Secure literature on ministry to the military from E. L. Ackiss, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Consult your pastor concerning a Church Armed Services Committee.

Set up systematic visitation program to families of service people.

Maintain Service Honor Roll should your church request it.



USE THIS PAMPHLET FREELY!...

Yes, use pamphlet . . . freely and often!

Use it in your church Brotherhood Executive Committee.

Use it in Brotherhood Committee meetings.

Use it in Brotherhood program meetings.

Use it at Associational Brotherhood meetings.

Use it to give others a glimpse of Brotherhood work and its possibilities for using men in their church.

Use it to remind Brotherhood members of essential activities geared to the work of their church.

Use it to keep committee work at the main tasks.

Use it to plan monthly emphases of Brotherhood work in your church in keeping with church-centered objectives.

Use it to relate Brotherhood programs and activities to Christ-centered themes.

For related material, secure a copy of the tract "The Executive Committee of the Church Brotherhood" from your State Brotherhood Department.

Enlist all returning service men into the Brotherhood at the earliest opportunity.

Use returning service personnel in Brotherhood programs and activities.

### ● Support and Help Promote Special Youth Programs

Furnish transportation for R.A.s to summer camps, congresses, etc.

Offer assistance to Sunday School in promotion of Intermediate Emphasis Week.

Help Training Union to promote Youth Week.

Feature Youth in study of Christian Education opportunities in April.

Form cavalcade to transport Youth to mission points and denominational institutions nearby.

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..... **MAJOR Brotherhood ACTIVITIES FOR 1955**

FOUR MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR 1955 have been adopted by Brotherhood leaders across the convention. Your State Brotherhood Secretary and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention recommend the following activities for your consideration in planning Brotherhood work and programs in your church.

All four major activities—Evangelism, Enlistment, Missions and Youth—are at the heart of the program of every Southern Baptist church.

Listed under each major activity are four or more subheads. The subheads set forth practical suggestions for implementing the major activities. Try some of them or all of them . . . put them to work for you!

**1 ★ Evangelism**

● **Personal Witnessing**

Conduct a workshop on the techniques of all types of visiting (use Brotherhood tract, "Men Can Witness"). Enlist men to become active as "DESK TOP WITNESSES" in their businesses.  
Map a program to assist pastor and his staff in visitation of new members and non-resident Baptists.  
Give every assistance to the leadership of the church in setting up a perennial visitation program.  
Arrange for and hold prayer meetings in homes, particularly of the unsaved, before and during revivals.  
Go after boys with lost fathers, and fathers with lost sons.

● **Group Evangelism**

Relate your Brotherhood to the 1955 Program of Evangelism in the Southern Baptist Convention.  
Plan a definite program for ministering to the armed forces adjacent to your community.  
Institute evangelistic work in jails and similar institutions; in hospitals; in homes for the aged; reformatory; juvenile home. This work will reach lost people and develop soul-winners.  
Arrange services in industrial establishments where gospel messages may be given by men to men, especially during periods of revivals.  
Conduct staff devotionals at your office or request such a period at the place you work one or more times each week.

● **Establishing Missions**

Aid in establishing branch Sunday Schools and enlisting personnel for them.  
Work with church and associational leaders in establishing missions in or near the community.  
Sponsor or assist in mission revivals looking to establishment of a mission, chapel or church.

Enlist manpower of church in helping church leadership to secure an annual religious census.

● **Tract Distribution**

Furnish to Brotherhood members gospel tracts, cards, and Testaments for their own use in personal talks with the unsaved.  
Assume responsibility for wide distribution of printed publicity in connection with church revivals.  
Keep men supplied with evangelistic tracts to keep in desks at office for distribution to clients, personnel and visitors.  
Promote a "Tract Visitation Night" once each quarter to unsaved and unaffiliated Baptists.  
Place and service attractive racks in public places in the community.

**2 ★ Enlistment**

● **Point the Way for Enlistment of Every Man in Some Activity in His Church**

A continuing series of Brotherhood programs that will show the needs for men in your church.  
List definite places of service where men are needed and then challenge men to give their time and abilities to fill these places.  
Conduct survey annually of man power using a Talent Search Card.

Provide for personal testimonies by men concerning their blessings because they have enlisted in a place of service.

● **Encourage Men to Move Up from Membership to Leadership**

Remind men constantly that God has a plan for their lives and a place of service in your church for every man in the church.  
Seek to lead all Brotherhood members to find a place of service in their churches.

Review membership of your organization to place them in proper committees, point out those to church leadership who are qualified to lead or who desire to serve in leadership capacities.

● **Seek to Relate Men to a Christian Stewardship of Personality, Business, Time and Possessions**

Invite the Pastor to conduct a dedication service in your own home.

Set up a family altar for daily devotions in your home.  
Take inventory of your home's recreational life, concepts of citizenship, literature, economic life, parental encouragement and yielding to God's will for your children.

Invite deacons and friends of the church to be present at the dedication of your new business or profession led by your pastor in your new or remodeled location.  
Promote "Desk Top Witnessing" by the men of your church.  
Promote a period of enlistment of fathers during the fall of the year.

Remember your denomination through your State and Southern Baptist Foundation in your will.

● **Assist Men of Other Churches to Organize a Brotherhood Through Your Associational Brotherhood Organization.**

Enlist the men of your Brotherhood in attendance at Associational Brotherhood meetings.

Lead out in encouraging organization of an Associational Brotherhood if your association does not have one.

Make your officers available to assist Associational Brotherhood officers in organizing Brotherhoods in churches desiring help.

Cooperate in promoting an annual Associational Brotherhood Officers' Clinic.

Urge and assist a sister association in organizing an Associational Brotherhood organization.

**3 ★ Missions**

● **Study of Mission Fields and Needs**

Programs dealing with study of home and foreign mission fields and current needs.  
Local tours of church and associational mission projects.  
Study of facts and figures of major denominational missions endeavors on a comparative basis.  
Cooperate with W. M. U. in mission works of study.



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Baptist General Convention of Texas  
205 Baptist Building  
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 28, 1955, with enclosures, has been received, and I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material which reflects my views on the subject of juvenile delinquency.

I am returning one of your enclosures which reflects a statement attributed to me regarding America's dreadful spiritual plight. For your information, I would like to explain that at no time have I ever made this statement. I believe the author is Dr. J. E. Conant who incorporated these data in an article entitled "Oh, For A Heaven Sent Revival" which appeared in the "Watchman-Examiner" on January 11, 1945.

Subsequently, the "Moody Monthly" in its issue of January, 1947, published an article captioned "They Perish" written by Captain George I. Beckstrom in which the latter individual quoted in one paragraph some data pertaining to crime statistics issued by the FBI. Immediately below, Captain Beckstrom quoted from Dr. Conant and set forth in another paragraph the statistics which appeared in your enclosure. It appeared

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that thereafter someone quoted this same material and attributed all of it to me. Numerous publications in Canada and the United States have reprinted this statement giving me as the original source whereas Dr. Conant probably should have been listed as the author.

The self-addressed stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully enclosed is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (7)

The Sunday School--Key To Tomorrow

Crime Challenges The Churches

The Crime Problem

You Can Help Stop Juvenile Crime

Juvenile Delinquency (Syracuse Law Review reprint)

Enclosure submitted by correspondent re America's dreadful spiritual plight

Self-addressed stamped envelope sent by correspondent

NOTE: A copy of the enclosure submitted by correspondent which is being returned has been retained for Bufiles.

Although correspondent indicates that he met the Director in the Armed Forces, Bufiles reflect no record identifiable with him.

Dan Smoot is a former Special Agent of the FBI.

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It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951, captioned "Facts Forum" that we not cooperate with "Facts Forum." (62-94811-4)

It is believed advisable to furnish [redacted] with recent statements by the Director on the subject of juvenile delinquency. ~~for his use.~~



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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To: Director, FBI

From: *gmb* Liaison Representative  
Ottawa, Canada

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For your information, Facts Forum, Inc., has not been the subject of investigation by the Bureau.

Bufiles reflect an article entitled "Facts Forums Spread - New Program Aims to Start Thinking" which appeared in the "Daily Times Herald," Dallas, Texas, on June 22, 1951, which contained background information relating to this organization reading as follows:

"A movement is under way in Dallas this summer that already has spread to half a dozen other cities and is bidding to cover the entire nation in another year.

"The project is Facts Forum, whose purpose is billed as 'to enlighten and inform the individual and the public.'

"It operates on the basis of many small chapters of some 40 members each who get together and conduct public opinion polls, which then serve as a basis for discussion of a wide variety of current issues on the part of the membership.

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"Facts Forum has enlisted a number of individuals in its founding stage, but the origin of the idea is credited directly to H. L. Hunt, Dallas oil man, who is genuinely disturbed at the frequent indifference on the part of the public at large to national and world affairs.

"Most people are disturbed about various aspects of the national and world situation of today, but all are busy with personal affairs and only a few people take the time to really inform themselves on situations and thus form opinions based on fact," Mr. Hunt explained.

"We of Facts Forum believe that if people know the true facts, hear them discussed pro and con, they will then form logical opinions as to the best course to follow.

"Let's get one thing straight from the start. Facts Forum seeks to find the facts, not impose preconceived ideas on its membership. We must at all times stay strictly clear of partisan politics. We must make certain that the facts are determined on a broad basis, from the bottom up, and not handed out in decisions from the top down," Mr. Hunt emphasized.

"The pilot group, Dallas Forum No. 1, already was busy this week with its first opinion poll. Cards were sent out on several issues last week to a select mailing list and returns were being received this week.

"Robert H. Dedman, young Dallas attorney, is first president of the Dallas Forum No. 1, and is devoting considerable time and interest to Facts Forum as a whole, aiding other groups in organizational work.

"We feel that we have an idea that will take hold and spread rapidly," Mr. Dedman declared. "The response already has been very good. We've had inquiries from individuals and organizations in Dallas who are interested in starting other units, and groups are in process of formation in other parts of Texas and in several other states. Inquiries have come in from all over the nation."

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"Months of careful planning and preparation on the part of Mr. Hunt and his staff preceded the actual opening the first chapter of Facts Forum. Several booklets outlining the organization and its purposes were written and printed. Headquarters have been established in the Mercantile Securities Bldg.

"From the proposed plan of operation for Facts Forum is the following opening statement:

"1. . . Participants shall direct an orderly study of the art of living and the science of government. They shall discuss and disseminate information on national affairs. They shall increase their fitness for self-government and become more worthy custodians of freedom. Since the knowledge of an individual does not become a part of the democratic process unless expressed, Facts Forum shall cultivate not only an informed but an articulate opinion."

"The founders of the movement are strongly convinced that the democratic process can continue to function properly only through an alert and informed populace, a people interested enough in government to find out what is going on and do something about it," Mr. Dedman declared.

"If Facts Forum is to grow and become an effective force, it must be through the efforts of the individual participants in hundreds of communities throughout the nation," Mr. Hunt said.

"I can help the forum get started, but that's as far as I intend to go. Any effort on the part of anyone to dictate a course of action to the forum chapters would kill the movement in a hurry."

"The basis of the organization's operation will be the opinion poll. Topics for the poll will be selected by the members themselves. Postcards will be mailed throughout the nation, and results will be compiled on local, regional and finally national basis.

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"The studies likely will include governmental science, fuller living and vital subjects which materially affect the ability of the earth to support life, such as soil conservation, mineral wealth conservation, water supply and others."

Mr. H. L. Hunt is the owner and operator of the Hunt Oil Company with headquarters in the Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, and is reported to be the largest independent oil operator in the world. He is reported to be a multimillionaire. Mr. Hunt is reportedly financing Facts Forum, which is a hobby with him.

There is attached hereto a Photostat of a pamphlet entitled "Facts Forum Plan" dated June 1, 1951, setting forth additional background information concerning this organization.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 16, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

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On May 14, 1955, the above-captioned individual telephonically contacted Crime Records Section. He said that he had some information sent to him by an organization called Facts Forum, and he wondered whether we had available an Attorney General's list to determine whether Facts Forum was on it. He was told that he could secure a copy of the list through the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice. He said that he would secure the information Monday at the Pentagon.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Washington 24, D.C.

17 May, 1955.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington 25, D.C. [REDACTED]

Gentlemen: As per enclosed  
memo I have been put on a  
courtesy list to receive three  
issues of "Fact Forum" published  
by one Dan Smoot of Dallas,  
Texas. I have heard rumors  
that the Gentlemen and his  
activities are more or less  
tinged with "Pink." Does  
your organization approve of  
the Magazine and Mr. Smoot's  
activities? Would appreciate  
your opinion. Thank you.

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Dallas 1, Texas

April 25, 1955

Dear Friend:

This is the first of three issues of FACTS FORUM NEWS sent to you through the courtesy of the ADD PATRIOTISM TO ADS group. The enclosed material explains the idea of that group.

FACTS FORUM NEWS has recently attracted much attention on Capitol Hill and elsewhere in Washington. You, too, will find here hard-to-get information on vital issues confronting the country.

Sincerely yours,

*Medford Evans*  
Medford Evans  
Coordinator *Tsk*

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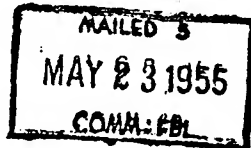
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 17, 1955, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know that you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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DATE: June 2, 1955

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I received a call on June 1 from the above-mentioned individual who complained that he had received through the mail unsolicited a copy of the "Facts Forum" magazine. He wanted to know what to do and whether or not it was subversive or on any lists. Our policies were explained and the suggestion made that, if he did not want the magazine, he should communicate with the publisher to this effect. He was referred to Mr. Tompkins' office for a copy of the Attorney General's list.

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Sincerely yours,  
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# Provocative Prose

"...there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self-respect and honor beneath which are shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness."

—CARL RUSSELL FISH  
*The Path of Empire*

"The United States began its existence by making 'liberty' its chief goal. Liberty now is coming to be replaced by another objective—'security.' And men are being induced into surrendering liberty in order to obtain it. But all that happens is that they lose their liberties—and they do not obtain security."

—CARLYLE B. HAYNES  
"Is World Security Possible?"  
*These Times Magazine*, April, 1955

"One of the great casualties of our generation has been the decline of indignation. We have become so calloused by the grief and tragedy of the world that our awareness has been completely blunted."

—DR. ABRAM LEON SACHAR  
President of Brandeis University

"He who looks with pride upon the history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may."

—LYMAN ABBOTT  
from "Think" (IBM magazine)  
February, 1955

"Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread."

—THOMAS JEFFERSON

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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## Readers Report

### Parents See Cruz in SNUX

In hundreds of U.S. communities, groups of parents have been rebelling against the school grading system known as SNUX—the marks stand, respectively, for "Normal growth is taking place," "More effort should be made," "Unsatisfactory work," and "Needs special help."

Many parents maintain that the S or "Normal growth is taking place" grade doesn't really tell how their children are doing in school. One dissatisfied parent commented, "This type of grading tends to condition the mind for socialism and communism."

A former Kansas school superintendent asserted, "When one calls for the abolishment of all competition in the classrooms, and doing away with rewards for superior efforts, he is merely advocating for the childhood level the same things that the Communists are demanding in our society for the adult level." He added that such a policy carried to the extreme would prepare children more for communistic regimentation than for free-enterprise society.

In one city, 82 per cent of the voting parents chose to abolish SNUX and to restore ABCDE report cards.

Another new grading system simply offers an SN report card—for "Satisfactory progress" and "Needs improvement." Some communities have eliminated report cards altogether—there are no grades of any kind.

"The Struggle for Our Children's Minds" series by Howard Whitman in *Collier's* included this facet of the American school situation.

### On the Firing Line Again

Subversive activities in the midwestern and southwestern states are being exposed through the semi-monthly letter, *ANR Report*, edited by Karl Baarslag, former editor of the American Legion's *Firing Line*, and published by American National Research, Inc., P. O. Box 57, Dallas, Texas.

For twenty-five years, Baarslag has been battling communism. He served on the Communist Desk of the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington during World War II and is a former national Legion director of countersubversive activities.

Baarslag, who twice each month pinpoints those whose actions (and often inaction) do harm to America, is one of the very few nationally-known experts on communism who has never been a Communist party member.

*ANR Report* not only exposes the MIS-TAKEN but also enables the reader to identify them.

### On the March Against Communism

Writes Neil E. Wettermann from Cincinnati, Ohio:

"I have recently founded The Protect America League, Inc. of Greater Cincinnati. We are an organization dedicated to the furtherance of self and community education pertaining to the facts and philosophies of the Communist conspiracy.

"This program is being carried out through the distribution of literature, the sponsoring of seminars and speakers for the general public and especially high school students. Currently we are compiling, in addition to the above, an individual and organizational system

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of records so as to avail ourselves of the necessary information to alert our citizens of any individual, organizations or projects that might advance the cause of communism...."

### Books Beat Comics to a Pulp

The Free Public Library at New Bedford, Mass., ran out of books after only about an hour of its books-for-comics swap. More than 4,000 youngsters rounded up over 100,000 comic books to deplete the library's supply of 800 books offered in its 10-to-1 exchange (limit of five library books per child). Swamped by the swap, the library had to reorder about 3,250 books to keep its end of the bargain.

Librarian Laurence G. Hill said he was "surprised but very pleased" at the response. Sea stories ranked high on the list of "swap books" chosen by the older children. However, grades seven to nine put "Davy Crockett" first ("leading by hundreds of yards!" according to the library).

### Student Government Day Observed

Also in New Bedford, Student Government Day is observed annually at the high school. At this time, pupils assume duties of school officials and teachers.

Everett S. Allen, assistant to the editor of *The Standard-Times* of New Bedford outlined for the students the benefits of the American heritage for today's youth and traced the sociological, economical, and scientific development of America.

"Despite all these accomplishments we find it harder to raise a national spirit in the United States than in any other country in the world," Mr. Allen asserted. "Patriotism sometimes becomes a 'corny' thing." He went on to say, "This country needs 164 million salesmen for the country to realize the fact we have what we have, not license, but self-government."

### ADA Supports "The Investigator"

Despite protests from the American Legion, the Pleasantville, N. Y., Board of Education unanimously approved presentation of a controversial film and a phonograph record, "The Investigator," in its junior high school.

The movie, a filmed transcript of Edward R. Murrow's television interview with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, along with the record satirizing congressional investigations, were arranged for night showing by the Central Westchester Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

In the words of the *Facts Forum News* reader who submitted this information, "The surrender of the Pleasantville school board in this case was shocking. Despite the fact that all left-wing teachers and their propaganda are barred from the schools, this particular school board grants permission to use the school for propaganda purposes at night!"

(ON THE ALERT—Keep this column informed of patriotic activities in your area by writing "Readers Report," *Facts Forum*, Dallas 1, Texas.)



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## IN MEMORIAM

### *Lyda Bunker Hunt*

Mrs. H. L. Hunt, wife of Facts Forum's founder and chief patron, herself a member of the Advisory Board, died May 6, 1955, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. She was buried Monday, May 9, in Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas.

Mrs. Hunt was flown to Rochester in a chartered plane May 2 for special treatment in the Mayo Clinic after suffering a stroke.

She was accompanied by her husband, her daughters, Mrs. Loyd B. Sands and Mrs. Al G. Hill, and sons Nelson Bunker Hunt, William Herbert Hunt, and Lamar Hunt.

She is also survived by another son, Hassie, by a brother, N. W. Bunker of Lake Village, Arkansas, a sister, Mrs. Hal P. Sessions, also of Lake Village, and eleven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Sherman Hunt, Jr., Stuart Hunt, Tom Hunt, Hunt Taylor, Fred Taylor, Jr., Floyd Sessions, Hal Sessions, Jr., Bill Sessions, and Nelson W. Bunker, Jr., all nephews.

Mrs. Hunt was born January 26, 1889, in Lake Village, the daughter of Nelson Waldo Bunker and Sarah Rebecca Hunnicutt. She was a graduate of the Maddox Preparatory School for Girls in Little Rock, Arkansas, and of Potter College in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

She and Mr. Hunt were married in Lake Village in 1914. In 1921 they moved to El Dorado, where they lived until 1932, when they moved to Tyler. In 1937, they moved to Dallas. The home is at 4009 Lawther Drive.

Mrs. Hunt was a member of the board of trustees of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. She also was an active worker in the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. She was a member of several civic and social organizations in Dallas, including the Marianne Scruggs Garden Club, the Dallas Woman's Club, the Public Affairs Luncheon Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Lakeside Browning Club, and the Fronian Book Review Club.

The following verses were written in her memory:

*In true simplicity of life  
Kept pure and sweet, her wit and  
verve  
To kindness gave efficient nerve,  
As lady, woman, mother, wife.  
The beauty of her grace and trust  
Eclipsed the pomp at her command;  
In her we better understand  
God's image in the mortal dust.  
And now, the dust to dust returned,  
The spirit now in heaven at home,  
As honey from the honeycomb—  
She knows what none, on earth, have  
learned.*

DAN SMOOT Interviews DR. FRED SCHWARZ on

# Communism and Intellectuals

Dr. Fred Schwarz, currently on his fourth world lecture tour is, as Dan Smoot says, "one of the pitifully few people who are consistently and effectively working to keep people reminded that the battle with communism is a battle to the death—our death, if we don't win it."

A surgeon and psychiatrist, Dr. Schwarz left his medical practice in Australia to specialize in diagnosing another disease—communism.

A Christian lay preacher, he believes the spiritual emphasis is essential in combating communism. His Christian Anti-Communism Crusade has offices at Waterloo, Iowa.

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SMOOT: Dr. Schwarz, one of your conclusions fascinates me: that communism is a disease.

SCHWARZ: Communism is a disease. It is a disease of the mind, a disease of the spirit, but also a disease of the body. The definition of a physical disease is something which destroys health and life. According to this criterion, communism must be ranked as a major malignancy of modern times. Already it has destroyed the life and well-being of countless millions of sufferers, and

the prospect of its destroying the life of many throughout the free world is very real.

SMOOT: What do you mean by that? Haven't we been mobilizing the massive wealth and strength of America to fight communism?

SCHWARZ: The history of our conflict with the Communists throughout the past generation is one of successive defeats. They have advanced from strength to strength, while the free world has retreated step by step. An individual who had come twenty years ago with the prophecy of the situation that exists in the world today would have risked incarceration in an institution for the insane. An honest analysis of the historic facts will lead to the terrifying conclusion that the Communists are conquering the world.

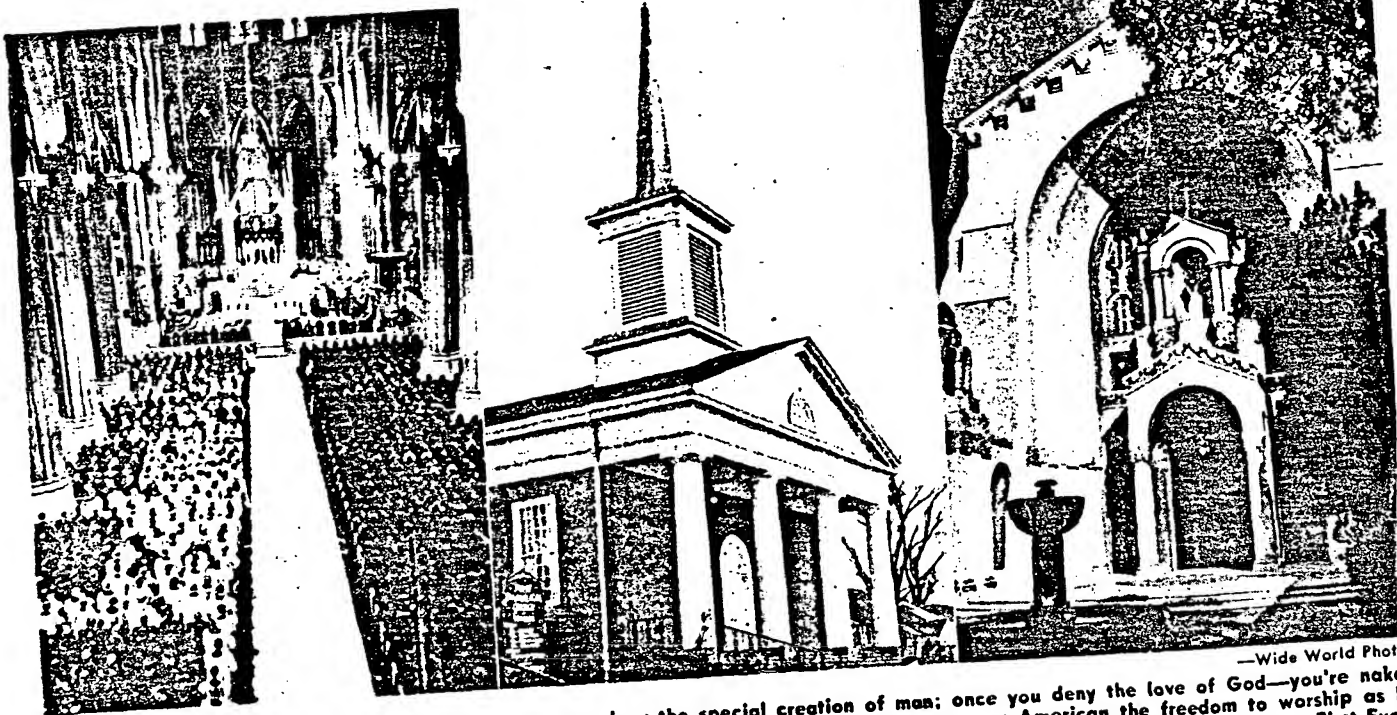
SMOOT: The Communists have made great advances in the past, obviously. Do you think they are still advancing?

SCHWARZ: We are accustomed to the authority of figures as the measure of progress. A brief look at the figures of Communist advance presents a terrifying picture. Lenin established Bolshevism with seventeen supporters in 1903. Lenin conquered Russia with forty

thousand supporters in 1917. In 1955, the party of Lenin is in iron control of 900 million. Seventeen in 1903, forty thousand in 1917, 900 million in 1955, with a tentative date for the conquest of the entire world already fixed. If God would only burn the significance of those figures into our heart! If we had but the honesty to acknowledge them, the intelligence to understand them, the face to tingle with the terror of them!

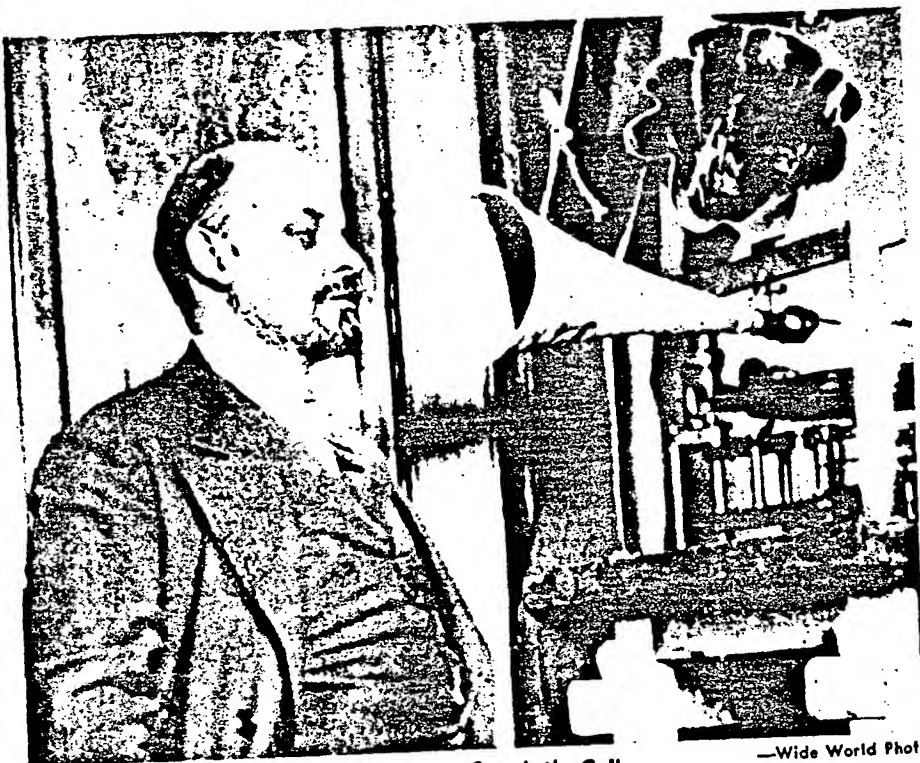
At this moment, 900 million human souls are in the laboratory of Communist conditioning, being indoctrinated, brainwashed, fanaticized, selectively liquidated, and technically and militarily trained for world conquest and mass extermination. That is the honest, simple truth. No effort of the imagination can make it untrue. No heroic, determined act of the will can blot it out. Like a terrible, deadly cancer, there it stands, demanding the most earnest consideration and urgent action. The only possible basis of sound treatment for any disease is an honest acknowledgment of the severity of the situation. Complacency with cancer is the comrade of death.

SMOOT: You seem to think we have



Dr. Schwarz states: "Once you deny God; once you deny the special creation of man; once you deny the love of God—you're naked and defenseless before the logic of the Communist argument." The Bill of Rights grants to every American the freedom to worship as he chooses. Above, left to right, are but three of the many places of worship in America: St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, First Evangelical Church in Memphis, Tenn., and Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco.

—Wide World Photo



V. I. Lenin . . . Sounds the Call

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Ho Chi Minh



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William Remington

failed utterly to resist communism! Why have we failed?

SCHWARZ: I would suggest that, in large measure, our failure has been due to an incorrect diagnosis of the pathology of communism. It is an axiom that accurate diagnosis must precede effective treatment. If the trouble lies in the appendix, the removal of the gall bladder by the world's most brilliant surgeon may constitute a magnificent operation, but it is inadequate to treat the diseased condition. If the diagnosis is faulty, the treatment of necessity will be misdirected and ineffective. The generally accepted diagnosis of communism is that it originates in poverty, exploitation, and oppression; that it is primarily a movement of the working class. The corollary of this diagnosis has been the accepted belief that the best way to combat communism is to improve economic conditions, thus leading to the spontaneous decay of the Communist menace.

SMOOT: But Dr. Schwarz, it seems to me that America's foreign policy rests on the assumption that if we can help to eliminate poverty in the world, we will strengthen the people of the world to resist communism!

SCHWARZ: There is no delusion more dangerous than this one. This delusion is very widespread and limited to no special section of society. Recently, in Portland, Oregon, I went to get my laundry. I mentioned to the laundryman the rather frightening figures of Communist advance. He had enough sense to get frightened. He said, "We've got to do something. We've got to do something. We've got to feed them."

No man ever became a Communist on a full stomach."

I looked at him quietly for a moment. I said I could mention one or two: Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Molotov, Voroshilov, Kalinin, Bulganin, Kaganovich, Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, Liu Shao-chi, Chu Teh, Ho Chi Minh, Alger Hiss, William Remington, Hal Ware, Whitaker Chambers—as a matter of fact, every major world Communist figure that's ever been, who became a Communist in a non-Communist country, did so as a student intellectual, materialist in philosophy and atheist in faith.

SMOOT: If poverty doesn't breed communism—what does?

SCHWARZ: Communism emerges, not out of poverty and exploitation, but out of godlessness and scientific materialism. With one of the leading ex-Communists in this country, I recently went over the entire early leadership of the American Communist party. Do you know how many men of working class origin we could find? One: Manning Johnson.

SMOOT: Where do the Communists get their recruits in America?

SCHWARZ: The Communist party of America has been reduced to taking college graduates and sending them to the workbenches of the factories. They find it much easier to recruit them in the colleges than from the assembly lines.

SMOOT: Doesn't communism claim to be a movement for the workingman—if not by the workingman?

SCHWARZ: The idea that communism

is a reaction to bad economic conditions is simply a bill of goods that Karl Marx has sold to the unsuspecting intellectual. Actually, it is Marxism. When accepted, it places a halo of beneficence around the entire Communist movement. Everything they do, however evil, is justified by the terrible conditions against which they are reacting; and the required emotional base for opposition to communism is destroyed.

Communism is not the friend of the working man. It is his arch enemy. It is not the improver of his economic conditions. It is the destroyer of his standard of living.

SMOOT: Are you implying that the conventional Western attack on the problem of resisting communism is 180 degrees wrong?

SCHWARZ: On this faulty diagnosis of communism the structure of treatment has been built. The essence of this treatment is to concentrate upon providing economic improvements for those people who are hearing the seductive call of communism in Asia and Europe. To improve living standards is good. To feed the hungry is a Christian act. But to take that program as the basis for fighting communism is as fallacious as to believe that cancer can be cured by improved nutrition. If our only hope of combating communism is to so improve the living standards of Asia that no promises the Communists make can have any appeal to them, we are already doomed.

If the living standards of Asia were tomorrow improved by 1,000 per cent, there would still be a whole field of human desires which the Communists could exploit for their own advantage. Actually, the Communists are using the very material advantages provided by improved economic conditions to recruit people to the Communist ranks.

I heard of an industrialist in India who desired to do the best that circumstances would permit for his workers. He built them a hospital, a school, playing grounds, and somewhat improved their wages and working hours. After three years, a very puzzled man said, "I can't understand it. Since I began these improvements, one-third of my workers have joined the Communist party."

The Communist agitator came to the employees, utilized the extra leisure time provided, and said:

"This proves what we've been telling you. We've got him frightened. He's beginning to disgorge some of his ill-gotten gains. Look at all the money he's got. Where'd he get it? That's the money he robbed from you. He's now trying to bribe you by giving you a little bit of it back. Are you going to fall for this scheme of his? Stand with us and we'll take the lot off him and you'll have it all." And they used the very advantages he had provided to re-

cruit them into the Communist party.

Frequently we hear this reply: "We agree that poverty does not cause communism, but communism exploits poverty." This is true. But it ignores the very important point. What is this communism? Or, more accurately, who are these Communists who do the exploiting? Where are they recruited? How are they trained? What arguments are used to win them in the first place?

Communism is obviously not the spontaneous fruit of poverty. If it were so, the whole world must have been communistic centuries ere this.

SMOOT: Then where does communism first take hold?

SCHWARZ: Communism always begins by the conquest of the student mind with books. While the free world is spending billions on the bodies of men, the Communists are concentrating their entire assault upon the mind. It is paradoxical in the extreme that we who are professed idealists limit our treatment very largely to the material things, whereas the Communists, who are arrogant materialists, are conquering the world through the dissemination of ideas. Their major assault is the literary attack on the student mind.

I preached one Sunday evening at a church in Michigan. After the message, a man came up to me and introduced himself as a retired medical missionary from China. He had given the best years of his life in selfless service to the bodies and souls of the Chinese people. The Communists had come and conquered, and he had been expelled. He told me this:

"In 1926, in one day, I saw go through the mails of my province three thousand pounds of literature directed to the high school students." That's when they conquered China—when they conquered the student mind. They are conquering the student mind of all Asia at this moment through the vastest literature crusade the world has ever known.

Going home to Australia, I wrote ahead to a friend of mine and said: "Go to the Communist bookstore and buy for me the Communist classics."

When I got home, there was a pile of books awaiting me that would have covered an ordinary-size table. I said to him, "How much do I owe you?"

I almost fell over with shock when he replied: "\$11.00." Two or three of the books alone were worth that much.

Take this one: Joseph Stalin's *Problems of Leninism*—magnificently bound, beautifully printed, first quality paper. How much do you pay for a book like this here in America? Everyone tells me from five to ten dollars. Do you know what it cost me back in Australia? Seventy cents. The seventy cents would hardly cover transportation and

duty. Who paid for it? It is the international missionary literature campaign of the Communists. Where was it published? Foreign Language Publishing House, Moscow.

Now, seventy cents seems cheap. But let's see what it costs in Japan. I have here a letter from Moses Sabina, conservative Baptist foreign missionary in Sendai, Japan. Listen to what he writes:

"Right now, while the American overseas libraries are trimming down their stocks and personnel, here the Communists are offering whole sets of Stalin's and Lenin's works for less than a dollar. Think of it. Twelve volumes and more of large books for less than a dollar. Many Japanese bookstores controlled by Communists sell this kind of propaganda literature for the price the customer can pay. 'Pay what you want' is the slogan they use."

The dread consequence of this is seen in an extract from another letter dated September 20, 1954. He is referring to the students in the universities:

"Of the hundreds of student newspapers, there is not one that is not either wholly communistic or at least controlled by the leftist Socialists, which here are almost the same as the Communists."

If the present rate of Communist conquest of the student mind in Asia continues unabated, all the atom and hydrogen bombs in the arsenals of the free world will be obsolete and redundant to halt the Communist advance.

SMOOT: What are those Communist books like?

SCHWARZ: The Communists divide them into two types: propaganda and agitation. They define propaganda as that which conveys many ideas to a few people. Heavy theoretical textbooks of this nature for the limited student group whom they desire to recruit into the Communist party core and scientifically indoctrinate. Propaganda is for them.

For the masses, there is agitation. Agitation they define as that which conveys one idea to many people. They take an event like the unfortunate death of the Japanese fisherman due to the hydrogen bomb explosion. They dwell upon it. They use it as a barb to inflame public opinion to stir up fear, bitterness, and hatred that they may scientifically exploit it for the over-all Communist objective.

Two central ideas of Communist agitation are: (1) that the Soviet Union is the most beautiful, peace-loving, progressive place in the whole world; and (2) that America is evil, vile, malignant, imperialistic, and warmongering, desperately threatening the peace of the world.

This first idea is disseminated through the photographic magazine, *The*





—Wide World Photo  
Liu Shao-chi

*Soviet Union*, published in a vast number of languages. It is a beautiful photographic magazine, printed on first quality paper. It shows well-dressed, happy, smiling, and contented people, a land of sunshine, fertility, and peace, with happy and playing children, with concentration on the arts and humanities and devoted to the peace of mankind. There is not a gun in the whole magazine, not a sign of the seamy side of life—it presents a picture of a veritable heaven on earth. And multitudes of students are acquiring their ideas of Russia from this magazine and kindred literature.

The complement to that idea is publicized with equal fervor. I have here a copy of a booklet circulated throughout the world in multiplied millions of copies. This is the American edition entitled, *Report on War Crimes in Korea*, published by the Commission of International Association of Democratic Lawyers. I purchased it at the Communist bookstore in Los Angeles, called the Progressive Bookstore, 1206 West Seventh Street. It's a compilation of the filthiest and most treasonable lies ever put together in one volume. Yet it openly circulated on the American streets. I'll read you an extract:

#### "MASSACRES, MURDER, AND OTHER ATROCITIES.

"According to the evidence of Pyong Won Goon, the Chairman of the

People's Committee, 35,383 civilians (19,149 men and 16,234 women) were murdered in the district of Sinchon during the American occupation which lasted from October 17 to December 7, 1950, that is for less than two months. On the evidence examined, the following facts can be established beyond doubt.

"On October 18, 1950, in the city of Sinchon, behind the building of the People's Committee, a mass murder of about 900 men and women, including about 300 children, was committed. Some of the women were pregnant.

"The murder was committed by order of the commander of the American occupying forces in the city: Harrison."

This refers to Major General Harrison. A friend of mine took him a copy of this and showed it to him in Korea. He was literally heartbroken to think that it was allowed to circulate openly in the American streets.

"Harrison was present when his order was fulfilled and took photographs of the execution. The murder was committed as follows:

"All the people were pushed into an open, deep grave. Harrison ordered them to take off their clothes, then ordered fuel oil to be thrown over the victims, who were set on fire. Those who tried to get out of the grave were shot. A witness declared, 'The cries and shrieks of these people were heartbreaking. Those who were not burnt to death were buried alive.' Harrison came the next day and took photographs."

SMOOT: Is this typical of the stuff they put out?

SCHWARZ: This is mild compared to some of the others which, if I tried to read, would cause trouble with the television authorities.

SMOOT: But surely no one in America believes such monstrous lies.

SCHWARZ: Yes, there are people in America who believed it. I have met them. Vast sections of the population throughout the world believed it. That's all they hear, and be not deceived—evil communications corrupt good manners. No man's judgment is any better than his information. And there is being built up toward this country—cold-bloodedly, scientifically, and effectively—a terrible body of burning and malignant hatred to provide its creators with a deadly instrument of massacre and extermination when the moment is considered appropriate.

If there's one priority more desperately urgent than any other, it's that the true story of American Christian civilization should reach the student masses of Asia, in books and volumes as well printed, as well prepared, and as cheap as those offered by the Communists. Unless we enter and win the battle for

the world student mind, the outlook for the future is perilous and desperate.

SMOOT: Why do educated intellectuals become Communists? Wherein lies the appeal of communism to them?

SCHWARZ: To answer this, we need to understand the very nature of the Communist promise which has seduced so many intellectuals throughout the world.

Communism is not primarily a program to change society. It is a program to change human nature itself. Men have dedicated their lives to the improvement of the quality of a plant. A man who was once vice-president of this great land is today endeavoring to improve the quality of chickens. Success in this field will constitute him a benefactor of the human race. Communism promises to utterly remake human character, personality, and culture, to redeem mankind from sin, and to populate the earth with a quality of industry, intellect, courage, and selflessness which history has never known. Communism is a religion, promising a new heaven and a new earth wherein the redeemed shall dwell.

Let us quote Liu Shao-chi, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress in China, outstanding theorist of Communist China, from his book, *How To Be a Good Communist*, published by the Foreign Language Press of Peking, China, October, 1951:

"What is the fundamental and common duty of us Communist party members? As everybody knows, it is to establish communism, to transform the present world into a Communist world. Is a Communist world good or not? We all know that it is very good. In such a world, there will be no exploiters, oppressors, landlords, capitalists, imperialists, or fascists. There will be no backwardness, etc. In such a society, all human beings will become unselfish and intelligent Communists with a high level of culture and technique."

SMOOT: What a picture!

SCHWARZ: He presents a picture of Communist world conquest, with a consequent perfection of the human race. Many people, shallow in thought processes, immediately say, "Well, communism has a very good goal—a goal quite akin to the goal of Christianity. There must be much that's good in it."

There is no form of thinking more dangerous than to adjudicate a movement by its goal rather than its methods. Every charlatan and half-wit of history has had a good goal. The real question is not how good is the goal, but will the methods advocated bring that goal to pass? I say to the Communists, "Huh, so you're going to remake the human race. That's very interesting. How're you going to do it?"

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# The Liberal Mind

By William F. Buckley, Jr.

William F. Buckley, Jr., author of *God and Man at Yale*, co-authored with L. Brent Bozell the widely-discussed book *McCarthy and His Enemies*. Buckley, a 1950 Yale graduate, is a lecturer and regular panelist on Facts Forum's ANSWERS FOR AMERICANS. Buckley has projected a new magazine, *National Weekly*, which, according to *Newsweek*, is slated to begin publication in September.



In recent years, a number of important books and articles have been written, and important things thought and said about the Communist. What is he like? What goes on in his mind? What is he afraid of? How can we move him? How does he operate? What is he likely to do in this situation, or that one? How can we vanquish him here, contain him there, coexist with him over there? We haven't mastered the Communist temperament, or the Communist mind, true; much of the Communist remains inscrutable. But the progress we have made is vast. We have learned so much about this man, and about his movement that, I think it is safe to say, the Communist emerges as the most predictable political animal alive and active today.

One would think that, in this case, knowing the enemy is nine-tenths of the battle. After all, we are physically stronger than the Communists, and we firmly believe that our values are inherently superior to theirs.

Yet year in and year out we not only come in second in every lap of our mortal race with the Communists, we are made to look as though we had elected to race with balls and chains tied to our ankles, and blindfolds over our eyes.

Could it be that we have fundamentally misunderstood the Communists, with the result that, like the man with the shell game, they are able to fool us every time? Did we lose North Korea because the Communists upset all our careful calculations by acting atypically? Did we lose Indochina because the Communists pulled something out of the bag that no reasonable Westerner could possibly have anticipated? Do the Communists continue to have such strength in Italy and France because of an inventiveness so diabolically ingenious as to incapacitate the Western strategist? I believe not. As I say, I believe the Communist is a highly predictable creature. I believe that as the result of our tortuous journey into the recesses of the Communist mind, we have come close to understanding him.

But we do *not* understand the people charged with coping with the Commu-

nists, and they, quite evidently, do not understand the Communists. I believe that our most immediate challenge is to understand our leaders; and having understood them we must either dispossess them of power, or make them understand, or prepare to die. For our leaders, call them what you will—social democrats, Fabians, progressive moderates; I call them *Liberals*, and I spell that word with a capital “L”—are the unknown in the great equation.

I think it is easy to demonstrate that we know more about the workings of the mind of Nikolai Bulganin than we know about the workings of the mind of Dwight Eisenhower. For, while compared to one another with reference to almost any acceptable standard, one is a scoundrel and one relatively a saint—the life of Bulganin makes sense in a way that the life of Eisenhower does not.

A reviewer of my last book charged that in using the word *Liberal* I could only have in mind the clientele of *Nation* magazine. I have been careful in the past, and will continue to be, to be precise enough to defend myself easily against such a charge; so that when I talk about *Liberals* it is clear that I am not referring only to those frenzied malcontents who support the *Nation*. I have in mind the pleasant and pensive man who owns your local bookstore and fills his window full of the collected complaints of E. B. White, James Wechsler, and Elmer Davis, that good and lovable lady who regularly deserts her housewifely duties in the spring to help raise money for the United World Federalists, and the ambitious and orderly young man who works for a Wall Street broker and maps programs and draws up manifestoes for the Young Republican Club lamenting our age of suspicion. I don't mean to imply that there is no such thing as the sinister, the guileful, or the treacherous Liberal; there are many; but the majority are in most respects good and amiable and talented people.

So I am *not* talking about an unruly little eddy. When I talk about modern Liberalism I am talking about the main-

stream of contemporary political and philosophical thought, the swollen and irrepressible stream fed for so many years by the waters of rationalism, positivism, Marxism, and utopianism.

As regards contemporary American controversies, the Liberal is likely to feel that Owen Lattimore has been unjustly persecuted and that our loyalty program has become an instrument of right-wing conformity. He tends to believe that the Bricker Amendment is a reactionary plot to immobilize the executive branch of government. He is easily persuaded that Senator McCarthy represents today the same kind of threat that Adolf Hitler held out to the Germans twenty years ago. And whatever little disagreements they have in their own ranks, the Liberals unite to honor their heroes. In law it is Oliver Wendell Holmes; in education and philosophy it is John Dewey; in politics it is Franklin Roosevelt.

The picture I have drawn of the Liberal is, of course, fragmentary and inconclusive. It has only the purpose of giving a general idea of just who it is I am talking about, of dispelling the notion that when I talk about a *Liberal* I could only be referring to mental spasms such as Nye Bevan or Agnes Meyer.

## PERILS OF THE LIBERAL MIND

Then we cannot survive unless we understand our own leaders—the ruling elite of the Western world—the *Liberals*.

I urge therefore that those who are competent to do so set out, as a matter of urgent concern to us all, to explore the *Liberal* mind. I myself have neither the patience, the skills, nor the trepidation to embark upon so frightening an adventure. As of this moment I am merely reporting on what I can see from here, aware that the distance that separates me and my target may result in illu-

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A reply to Mr. Buckley is not available. Replies are invited.

In contrast with Mr. Buckley's view (1) that the "Liberal" mind is essentially different from—and more inscrutable than—the Communist mind, and (2) that the "Liberal" mind is quite undisciplined, FACTS FORUM NEWS reproduces an excerpt from the celebrated REPORT OF THE [CANADIAN] ROYAL COMMISSION on the Soviet spy ring revealed by Igor Gouzenko.

In this selection a view appears that (1) the "Liberal" mind is in a significant number of instances thoroughly disciplined, and (2) the discipline is of Communist origin.

Selections from the "Motivation of Agents" section under the subtitle, "The Development of Ideological Motivation."

The evidence before us shows that in the great majority of cases the motivation was inextricably linked with courses of psychological development carried on under the guise of activities of a secret section of what is ostensibly a Canadian political movement, the Labour-Progressive party (Communist party of Canada); that these secret "development" courses are very much more widespread than the espionage network itself; and that the Canadian members of the espionage network themselves took an active part in directing and furthering such courses for other Canadians, which were calculated to allow them to draw suitably "developed" persons later into active participation and thus to expand the network itself.

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The Inquiry has revealed the names of a number of Canadians, employed in various departments and agencies of the government who, while presumably quite ignorant of the espionage network and certainly innocent of implication in such illegal activities, were being subjected to "development" by the same means for use in the future.

For these reasons we are analyzing with some care the question of motivation and the highly organized methods employed to develop an appropriate moral and mental state among potential Canadian recruits before they are informed of what has been planned for them.

In virtually all cases, as has been stated, the agents were recruited from among "cells" or study groups of secret members or adherents of the Communist party (Labour-Progressive party).

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It seems to be general policy of the Communist party to discourage certain

# Canadian Liberals in the Red Spectrum

The Report of the Royal Commission was based on hearings held between February and June, 1946. It was Igor Gouzenko who revealed the existence in Canada of a widespread conspiracy to obtain secret official information. Gouzenko, "civilian employee" of the Soviet Embassy of Ottawa, had served as cipher clerk on the staff of Colonel Zabolotin, Military Attache.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of the spy network in Canada is the uncanny success with which the Soviet agents were able to find Canadians who were willing to betray their country and to supply the agent with secret information despite oaths of allegiance, of office, and of secrecy. Many of the Canadian public servants implicated in this espionage were extremely well educated persons of marked ability and intelligence and well regarded by those who worked with them.

selected sympathizers among certain categories of the population from joining that political party openly. Instead, these sympathizers are invited to join secret "cells" or study groups and to take pains to keep their adherence to the party from the knowledge of their acquaintances who are not also members of the Communist party. The categories of the population from which secret members are recruited include students, scientific workers, teachers, office and business workers, persons engaged in any type of administrative activity, and any group likely to obtain any type of government employment.

The reason suggested by some of the agents in their evidence for the curious practice of keeping their political affiliations secret was that by this means they would avoid unfavorable discrimination in obtaining positions. There were enough such cases to justify us in concluding that this practice is a party technique, the real objectives and results of which seem to be quite different.

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One objective, we conclude, is that this technique facilitates the achievement of a basic policy of the Communist party, viz. to get control, through the election of secret members to the directing committees, of as many types of functional organizations as possible, including trade unions, professional associations and broad nonparty organizations such as youth movements and civil liberties unions. Similarly, secret members or adherents of the Communist party may be used to take the lead in organizing new, broad, and ostensibly nonpolitical organizations, after which they obtain for themselves and other secret adherents key positions on controlling committees of the organization. By these means the technique of secret membership is calculated to facilitate essentially dishonest but not ineffective

methods of propagandism in the interests of a foreign state.

One illustration of the use of this technique is furnished by the Canadian Association of Scientific Workers. Professor [Raymond] Boyer, in whose house the informal meetings at which the establishment of the organization were held, became national president. Norman Veall, upon whom we are also reporting, told us that he "took an active part in the formation of the organization"; and that he became a member of the National Executive Committee, charged with maintaining liaison with corresponding organizations in other countries. There is evidence suggesting that he used this position as a cover in making contacts with members of the staff of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. David Shugar testified that he had been very active in organizing and extending the Association and was elected a member of the Executive of the Ottawa Branch. In fact, Veall and Shugar each showed an inclination to claim credit for founding the Association. [Edward] Mazerall stated that the Association was something "which people in the study groups were interested in forming."

In addition to Boyer, Veall, and Shugar, Dr. Alan Nunn May and Frank Chubb, both of whose names figure in the espionage notebooks of Colonel Zabolotin, hold or have held official positions on the Association's executive committees. Professor Boyer characterized the majority of other members of the executive as "LPP" (i.e. Labour-Progressive party or Communist) "or left-wing" in political ideology; though he stated that very few of the Association's large membership among scientists would share this political view.

The propaganda value of control of such an organization is illustrated by correspondence between Shugar and

Boyer discussing whether Shugart or Veall should write an article in *The Scientist*, the Association's magazine, regarding plans for the control of atomic energy.

Control by the Communist party over a broad organization such as the Canadian Association of Scientific Workers could be used in a variety of ways not only for propaganda purposes, but eventually as a base for recruiting adherents to that party from among scientists and in due course, no doubt, for recruiting additional espionage agents in key positions in the national life.

But there would appear to be a further basic object and result of this technique of secret membership of the Communist party organized in secret "cells" or study groups.

This object is to accustom the young Canadian adherent gradually to an atmosphere and an ethic of conspiracy. The general effect on the young man or woman over a period of time of secret meetings, secret acquaintances, and secret objectives, plans, and policies can easily be imagined. The technique seems calculated to develop the psychology of a double life and double standards.

To judge from much of the evidence, the secret adherent is apparently encouraged never to be honest or frank, outside the secret "cell" meetings, about his real political attitudes or views and apparently is led to believe that frankness in these matters is the equivalent of dangerous indiscretion and a potential menace to the organization as a whole.

Thus in a preliminary report which Lunan wrote on March 28, 1945, to Lt. Col. Rogov, he referred to a "cell" or study group in Ottawa to which Durnford Smith, Halperin, and Mazerall belonged, as follows:

they already feel the need for maintaining a very high degree of security and taking abnormal precautions at their normal meetings (about once every two weeks) since they are definitely not labeled with any political affiliations. One or two have even opposed the introduction of new members to our group on the grounds that it would endanger their own security.

This describes precautions taken by this group before any of the members were asked to engage in espionage or other illegal activities.

Evidence that this technique of secrecy among Communist party membership is favored—if indeed it had not been inaugurated—by Moscow, is found in a telegram dated August 22, 1945, from The Director to Zlotin, which reads in part:

To Grant

1. Your 243.

We have here no compromising data against Veall, nevertheless the fact that he has in his hands a letter of recommendation from a corporant

who was arrested in England (which he did not take care to destroy) compels us to refuse to have any contact with him whatsoever, the more so that many already call him "a Red."

(Corporant is a cover-name used for a member of any Communist party except that of the U.S.S.R.)

An inevitable result of this emphasis on a conspiratorial atmosphere and behavior even in political discussions, correspondence, and meetings, which are in themselves perfectly legal and indeed are the cherished right of everyone in a democratic society, would seem to be the gradual disintegration of normal moral principles such as frankness, honesty, integrity, and a respect for the sanctity of oaths.

We believe that this technique played a definite part in bringing persons... to a state of mind where they could disregard the moral obligations which they had undertaken in connection with their public duties.

A reading of the evidence before us, taken as a whole, indicates also that this technique seems calculated to affect gradually and unconsciously the secret adherent's attitude towards Canada. Often some of the agents seem to have begun their Communist associations through a burning desire to reform and improve Canadian society according to their lights. But one effect of prolonged habituation to conspiratorial methods and the conditions of secrecy in which these people work is to isolate them from the great mass of the Canadian people.

As the courses of study in the "cells" undermine gradually the loyalty of the young man or woman who joins them, it is necessary to say something as to the content of the courses pursued in them, as that is reflected by the evidence.

The curriculum includes the study of political and philosophic works, some of them far from superficial, selected to develop in the students an essentially critical attitude towards Western democratic society. This phase of the preparation also includes a series of discussions on current affairs designed to further a critical attitude toward the ideals of democratic society.

But this curriculum would appear in reality to be designed not to promote social reform where it might be required, but to weaken the loyalty of the group member towards his or her own society as such.

Linked with these studies at all stages, moreover, goes an organized indoctrination calculated to create in the mind of the study group member an essentially uncritical acceptance at its face value of the propaganda of a foreign state.

Accordingly, the study groups are encouraged to subscribe to Communist books and periodicals. The *Canadian Tribune* and *Clarion* of Toronto, *New*

*Masses* (a periodical published in the United States), *National Affairs* of Toronto, and *Club Life* have been among those mentioned as regular objects of study and discussion in these groups, as well as selected books on Russia.

In some cases the effect of these study courses seems to be a gradual development of a sense of divided loyalties, or in extreme cases of a transferred loyalty.

Thus it seems to happen that through these study groups some adherents, who begin by feeling that Canadian society is not democratic or not equalitarian enough for their taste, are gradually led to transfer a part or most of their loyalties to another country, apparently without reference to whether that other country is in actual fact more or less democratic or equalitarian than Canada.

Indeed, a sense of internationalism seems in many cases to play a definite role in one stage of the courses. In these cases the Canadian sympathizer is first encouraged to develop a sense of loyalty, not directly to a foreign state, but to what he conceives to be an international ideal. This subjective internationalism is then usually linked almost inextricably through the indoctrination courses and the intensive exposure to the propaganda of a particular foreign state, with the current conception of the national interests of that foreign state and with the current doctrines and policies of Communist parties throughout the world.

e.g. Professor Boyer stated that he gave secret information to Fred Rose despite the oath of secrecy which he had taken, believing that this step would further "international scientific collaboration."

Professor Boyer had not apparently inquired about the operations in practice of the various official organizations engaged in attempting to organize exchanges of military and other information with the Soviet Union, nor about the degree of reciprocity or relative balance developed in such official exchanges, nor about the relative merits of various possible methods of increasing international cooperation in scientific and other fields. His approach to the general question of increasing international scientific cooperation thus appears to us to have been relatively uniformed and unscientific, as well as singularly presumptuous and undemocratic in arrogating to himself by secret action the sole right of decision on such matters affecting all the people of Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. His actions also involved a breach of oath. We see, however, no reason to doubt the sincerity of his motives as stated by himself. This sincerity was played on successfully by an unscrupulous and more sophisticated agent.

In Mazerall's case also, his desire to



further international scientific collaboration was among the complex of emotions successfully played upon by those who brought him into the espionage network. Mazerall, whose testimony as to his motivation seems to us to have been frank and sincere, stated in evidence:

A. At the same time I did not like the idea of supplying information. It was not put to me so much that I was supplying information to the Soviet government, either. It was more that as scientists we were pooling information, and I actually asked him if we could hope to find this reciprocal.

Q. Did you ever have that experience?

A. I did not; no.

Q. Have you ever known of information of any kind being supplied by Russia?

A. Very little.

A further objective, pursued through the study group, is gradually to inculcate in the secret membership of the Communist party a habit of complete obedience to the dictates of senior members and officials of the party hierarchy. This is apparently accomplished through a constant emphasis, in the indoctrination courses, on the importance of organization *as such*, and by the gradual creation, in the mind of the new adherent or sympathizer, of an overriding moral sense of "loyalty to the party." This "loyalty to the party" in due course takes the place in the member's mind of the earlier loyalty to certain principles professed by the party propaganda.

In view of the rigidly hierarchic organization of the Communist party, particularly in its secret sections, the concept of "loyalty to the party" means in practice, rigid obedience of adherents to those party members who are recognized as occupying a senior position in the hierarchy....

The indoctrination courses in the study groups are apparently calculated not only to inculcate a high degree of "loyalty to the party" and "obedience to the party," but to instill in the mind of the adherent the view that loyalty and obedience to the leadership of this organization takes precedence over his loyalty to Canada, entitles him to disregard his oaths of allegiance and secrecy, and thus destroys his integrity as a citizen.

The case of Kathleen Willsher offers a striking illustration of the uses to which this attitude of "party loyalty" and obedience can be put by unscrupulous leaders, even when other aspects of the indoctrination courses have not been completely successful.

She had joined a secret "cell" of the Communist party and as early as 1935 agreed to give secret information, which she obtained from her work in the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ottawa.... She told us that she was given to understand... that this information was for the guidance of the National Executive of the Communist party of Canada.

She also said that when these requests, which she recognized were improper, were first put to her... she had some struggle with her conscience, but that after a few weeks' hesitation she decided to comply because as a member of the Communist party she felt that she was expected to do what she was asked regardless of any obligation which she might have in any other direction.... She testified:

I felt that I should contrive to contribute something towards the helping of this policy, because I was very interested in it. I found it very difficult, and yet I felt I should try to help.

Miss Willsher's evidence, taken as a whole, shows that she felt her own position in the Communist party to be a relatively humble one, that her one important contribution to the cause of the party lay in the transmission of the secret information to which her official position gave her access, and that it was expected of her that she should not hesitate to make this information available on request to the party leadership.

In many cases prolonged membership in the Communist party seems to have resulted in a very high degree of discipline and to have induced a semi-military habit of largely unquestioning obedience to "orders" and "party policy." Such habits, once developed, naturally made the task of the espionage recruiting agents, who are senior members of that party, relatively simple.

It appears to be an established principle of at least the secret "cells" section of the Communist party that rejection of "party orders" entails automatic resignation or expulsion from the party. This principle in itself assists in inducing obedience from members who might otherwise be inclined to waver, but who have become habituated over a period of months or years to membership.

...Leaders of the Fifth Column solved what would appear at first sight to be their most difficult problem—that of motivation, or finding capable and well-placed Canadians who would be willing to engage in espionage against Canada for a foreign power—by means of a widespread system of propaganda and in particular by organizing a system of intensive study groups. This system has been functioning for years and was already a going concern used for espionage in 1935.

A further technical advantage, which this system has provided to the leading organizers of the espionage network, has been a surprising degree of security from detection. By concentrating their requests to assist in espionage within the membership of secret sections of the Communist party, the leaders were apparently able to feel quite confident—and apparently with reason based on an

experience in Canada over a period of at least eleven years—that even if the adherent or member should refuse to engage in activities so clearly illegal and which constitute so clear a betrayal of his or her own country—such adherent or member would in any case not consider denouncing the espionage recruiting agent to the Canadian public or to the Canadian authorities.

[For a significant example, Kathleen Willsher was first asked in 1935 to supply secret information at a regular meeting of her study group. For four years she transmitted such information orally at the study group meetings. While the conversations were private, Miss Willsher testified that no particular precautions were taken against being overheard "as no one else would have been interested."]

It is significant that not a single one of the several Canadians, members or adherents of the Communist party (Labour-Progressive party), who were approached by senior members of that party to engage in espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, reported this approach to the agencies, departments, or armed forces of Canada in which they were employed.

Not one even of those who have described, in evidence before us, serious hesitation and struggles with their consciences which they underwent before they agreed to act as spies against Canada, ever suggested to us that they contemplated taking the one loyal or legal course of action—i.e. reporting the criminal request to the Canadian authorities.

This is a striking illustration of the efficiency of the Communist study groups in inducing a motivation for clearly illegal party assignments directed against Canada.

What appears from the evidence to be the real purpose of the study group or "cell" organization—as a wide and ever-expanding base for the recruiting, psychological development, and organization of a Fifth Column operating in the interests of a foreign power—would have been frustrated if rank and file members of these groups or junior adherents of the Communist party of Canada had been aware of the real objectives and policies of [the organizers] and the other senior members of the conspiracy.

The evidence we have heard shows that at each stage of "development" the adherent is kept in ignorance of the wider ramifications and real objectives of the organization, to one of the fringes of which he has allowed himself to be attached.

Indeed it appears from the evidence that some at least of the adherents recruited to study groups are not told that these groups are in reality secret "cells"

or units of the Communist party; e.g. Mazerall testified that he was first invited by a friend to join an informal discussion group and that he did not for a considerable period recognize that it was in reality a secret Communist "cell," although he later knew it to have been such.

Kathleen Willsher was first a member of a group discussing the "difference between socialism and communism" and after a few years joined a smaller secret group of Communists.

Any small study group, however called, which will allow more experienced Communists to influence and simultaneously to study the psychological development of potential "recruits" will do in the early stages of the new recruit's "development."

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The extent of the secret section of the Communist party is not normally disclosed at any time to the junior members of the secret groups, who know only the four or five other members of their own group. The leader of each such group, who attends secret meetings of five or six such group leaders will know them plus the secret "chairman" of these meetings. . . .

However, over a period of time secret members will get to know many others through joint participation in various "front organizations" and otherwise, though they may not know the extent of their "development" unless designated to work with them for some purpose of the party leaders.

It is, apparently, not the present practice for secret members of the party to fill out any membership forms, or sign any declaration, or to be given any membership cards. This relatively loose system obviously assists in maintaining the secrecy of the organization. But it appears also to play a role in the expansion of the organization, since at each stage of his "development" the adherent is allowed to feel that he is still politically independent and merely assisting in the general activities of the movement without taking at any time what he might consider to be a specific and binding step to acquire or ratify definite membership. This technique allows the development courses to proceed and to have their gradual effect on the adherent without raising any unnecessary resistance in the adherent's mind to any specific stage of early development.

Thus even Boyer, Mazerall, and Lunan, the last-named an active espionage recruiting agent, apparently felt that they had not allowed themselves to become full members of the Communist party, though they had paid "dues" for years, because they had at no time signed membership documents or taken out membership cards.

Boyer, who stated that he joined a

Communist study group in 1939, said when asked to explain his relations with the Communist party:

A. I have worked in organizations in which there were Communists and in which I knew there were Communists, and I have worked very closely with Communists, but I have never held a party card or paid dues, etc.

Q. Have you ever made contributions to the work of the Communist party?

A. I made contributions.

Q. Financial contributions?

A. Yes.

Apparently at each stage of "development" the adherent is carefully kept from an appreciation of the nature of tasks likely to be assigned to him when he is considered adequately "developed" for the next stage.

Apparently also many even among relatively senior and "developed" secret members of the Communist party are kept unaware of the nature and existence of specifically illegal activities, directed against Canada, which are carried on by a section of the organization which they support. Indeed, most persons actively engaged in such illegal activities are apparently given to understand that their activities are exceptional and are kept quite unaware of the extent to which they have been carried on by top leaders. . . . In view of the "leader principle," that is, the established principle of obedience to higher party authorities, such unawareness among most members of the organization would not hinder the organization's efficiency for Fifth Column purposes.

For example Lunan, who undertook . . . to organize a group of espionage agents, was given to understand that the only persons engaged in this illegal activity would be himself, the three Canadian scientists whose espionage activities he directed, and Rogov of the Soviet Embassy. In testifying before us as to his motivation, which he stated was directly linked with his political ideology, he said:

I would also like to say that I had no idea of the scope and extent of this work. I was amazed when it first became clear to me during my interrogation. I never thought of myself as being more than one person in a small group of five people.

I do not offer this in any sense as an excuse for my work, but I was striving to square myself with my ideals without a full knowledge of the position in which I really found myself.

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Regarding the original attraction of Canadians to the "development" courses or study group organizations, it is difficult to speak with certainty. The appeal naturally varied greatly with each individual. In some cases it lay apparently in the highly systematized metaphysical concepts used by the Communist party in its propaganda directed to certain types of "intellectuals" and students. Thus Durnford Smith, when asked what it was that attracted him to the

movement, replied: "the logic of it."

A factor which appears to have played a part in first attracting at least one of the Canadian espionage agents whose evidence we have heard, was the belief that through these study groups he could fight against the social evils of anti-Semitism and racial intolerance. Gerson said:

I consider myself as a second-class Canadian—not as a first-class Canadian. That is not a laughing matter, Mr. Commissioner; it is very serious.

He elucidated this point:

Q. You have been speaking about communism and you also mentioned fascism. What is your idea of the difference, if any, between communism and fascism?

A. Well, my idea is that it would be based on a question of anti-Semitism.

Q. I see.

A. You see, we were very active at that time. There was the danger of Hitler: we realized it. The doctor and his wife were over in Germany in 1931: he went to University there and we realized it.

Q. What doctor?

A. Dr. Gottlieb; that is the [husband of the] sister of the Schlein family. We realized what was going to happen. We saw what happened in Montreal and Kirkland Lake where people were parading in blue shirts and sticking signs in windows, and we felt we should do something about it. . . . I mean it was from that: it was not from an economic point of view. It was from the point of view of self-preservation. We figured that if we were considered as good Canadians here a law should be passed to make that illegal.

The evidence before us strongly suggests that anti-Semitism and the natural reaction of persons of Jewish origin to racial discrimination was one of the factors played upon by the Communist recruiting agents. It is significant that a number of the documents from the Russian Embassy specifically note "Jew" or "Jewess" in entries on their relevant Canadian agents or prospective agents, showing that the Russian Fifth Column leaders attached particular significance to this matter.\*

In some cases a desire for companionship and intellectual discussion may have played its part. With certain per-

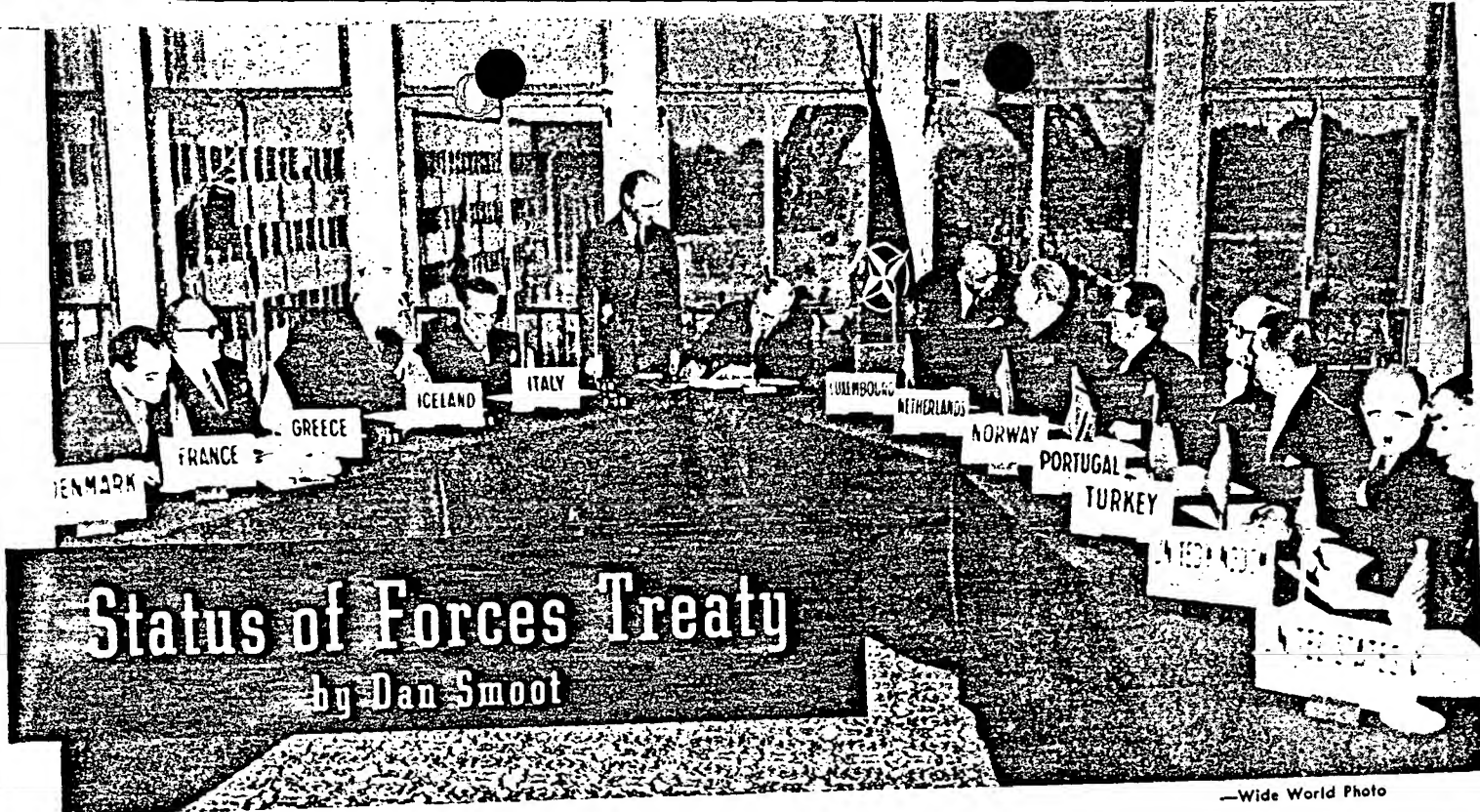
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#### \*EDITOR'S NOTE:

Communist intent to exploit Jews is complemented by their effort to exploit and further befuddle the lunatic fringe of anti-Semites. One "Politicus," in a manner obviously Communist-inspired, says in a recent issue of an anti-Semite periodical:

"The Russians are kicking the Jews out of Russia. . . . A new world leading culture with civilization will be born—the Russian. It is a historical process, which cannot be stopped at all. Neither A-bomb, nor H-bomb, nor 'wisdom' Bernard Baruch's and Lazar Kaganovich's will stop it. . . . American white gentiles will not do anything to spoil that historical process. . . ."

It was predictable that Judaeophobes would eventually side with the Soviet Union against the United States, on the basis of the geographical fact that there are more Jews in New York than there are in Moscow. But such blatant Marxism and scarcely-concealed appeal to treason in what the naive regard as a 100 per cent American variety of lunacy is startling.



# Status of Forces Treaty

by Dan Smoot

—Wide World Photo

Do you approve of the Status of Forces Treaty?

As usual, let's examine the question from two opposite points of view, taking first the arguments of those who say yes.

THE formal pacts establishing NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—a multilateral alliance between the United States and thirteen other countries—were signed in Washington on April 4, 1949.

As soon as we began to implement the purposes of this alliance by stationing large numbers of American troops in friendly European nations, we discovered that the presence of our troops—during times of peace—created innumerable frictions.

There is, naturally, some local resentment against the Americans merely because they are foreigners.

Another understandable irritant is the comparative wealth and easy living of the American soldiers.

An American army private stationed near some European village is frequently better housed, better clothed, better nourished, than the most prominent of local citizens.

The normal human resentment which such a situation will always generate is being perpetually prodded by Europeans who simply do not like Americans. Some of these are Communists; some are like our own narrow-minded reactionaries who just don't like foreigners; and some merely have their own special phobia against America.

Imagine how quickly this temperature of local resentment can rise to the dangerous boiling point when some American soldier commits an offense or outrage against a local citizen.

Anti-American agitators have only to point out that these American soldiers who live so riotously and ostentatiously are above local laws; that European citizens have no defense against the lawlessness of American soldiers, because American soldiers are not answerable to European laws; they are answerable only to their commanding officer who, unless he happens to have a tender regard for the foreigners among whom he is serving, will certainly not exert himself to restrain his soldiers!

This condition was jeopardizing the whole NATO program—in which the United States was to invest billions of dollars; on which the defense of western Europe depended.

Our costly efforts to create good will, harmonious cooperation, and singleness of purpose among our friends in NATO could be nullified by a few heedless American soldiers going on a weekend binge.

## FOREIGN LAWS FOR AMERICANS?

If the American army turns 25,000 American soldiers loose on Paris for a weekend and then tells the French officials that they cannot protect their own people against any acts of lawlessness on the part of any of those soldiers, the French don't feel that they are being treated like an equal and friendly partner in a grand alliance.

The solution to this knotty problem is

obvious: give the French officials criminal jurisdiction over those Americans, so that American soldiers and their families will be subject to the same laws as the French people among whom they live.

This is exactly what we have done—not only with regard to France, but with regard to other nations where American soldiers are stationed.

At the outset of the NATO alliance, our State Department negotiated, with all of the nations involved, temporary executive agreements concerning the problem of criminal jurisdiction over American soldiers and members of their families.

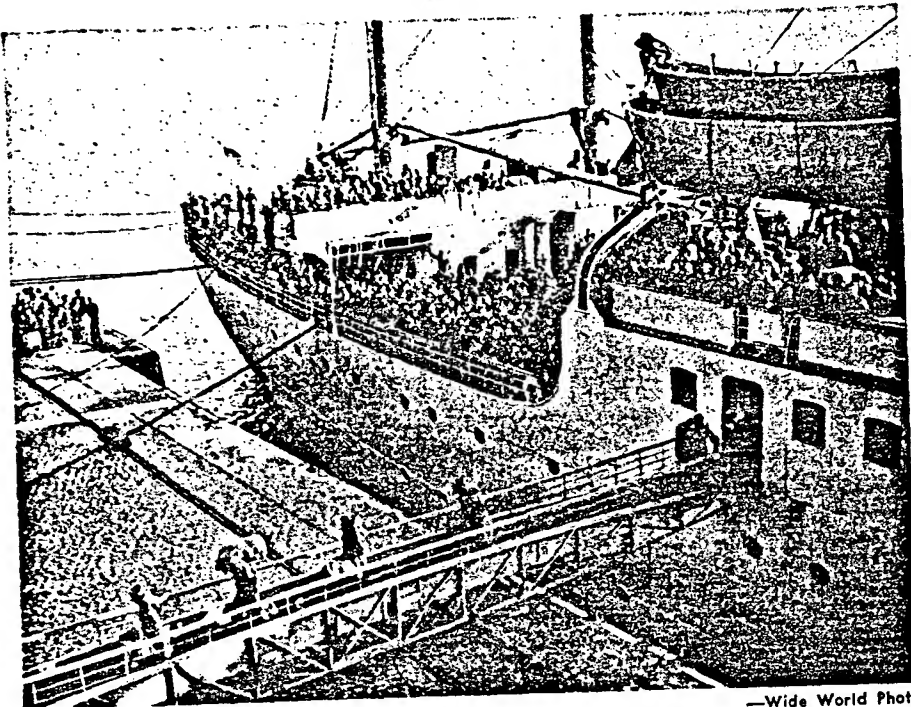
The agreements were not uniform in all countries, however. They created some jealousy among our allies—some of whom felt that we were making more favorable agreements with other NATO members than with them. And numerous difficulties arose in applying the various, different agreements.

When General Eisenhower arrived in Europe as Supreme Commander of NATO, he instantly saw and understood the problem.

Taking advice from and working very closely with General Eisenhower, our State Department officials worked out formal treaty agreements to standardize and simplify the various executive agreements already in operation.

During 1951 and 1952, representatives of the fourteen NATO countries met and signed three treaties dealing with problems which had arisen under the NATO alliance. These treaties, drawn up during the Truman adminis-





U.S. occupation forces debark from Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation for assignment within the U.S. Zone.

—Wide World Photo

tration, were submitted to the Senate for ratification in 1953.

One of the treaties defined the status of the military headquarters of NATO. Another defined the status of the diplomatic representatives in NATO, guaranteeing them proper immunity from prosecution in foreign courts. A third prescribed the civil and criminal status of members of the armed forces of one NATO country while stationed in another NATO country.

This third treaty, called the Status of Forces agreement, includes a provision known as Article VII, which gives a NATO nation exclusive criminal jurisdiction, within its borders, over foreign NATO soldiers who commit crimes while off duty.

This means that an American soldier stationed in France, Turkey, Italy, Portugal—in any of the thirteen NATO countries—who commits a crime while off duty, can be arrested, tried, sentenced, and punished under the laws of that nation without any recourse or appeal to American military authorities, American courts, or the American government.

If the American is actually arrested by American military police, he must be surrendered immediately to local authorities. Local authorities can, in fact, request American military authorities to arrest American military personnel suspected of crimes.

If there is any question as to whether the soldier was on or off duty when he committed the crime, the question will be resolved by a specially appointed judge of the country where the crime occurred.

If the soldier was unmistakably on duty when he committed the crime, then the American army and the foreign government have concurrent or equal jurisdiction. Whether the soldier is tried by American officials or by foreign officials depends somewhat on who arrests him first, and on the circumstances of the individual case.

And, of course, the agreement is reciprocal. In giving foreign nations this kind of jurisdiction over our troops abroad, we acquire the same jurisdiction over their troops stationed here.

The Status of Forces Treaty was vigorously supported by President Eisenhower, by the liberal wing of the Republican party, by all progressive Democrats, and by all liberal elements in America.

In urging ratification of the Status of Forces Treaty, President Eisenhower wrote:

"I can certainly appreciate the concern of those who fear that these agreements might subject American soldiers to systems of criminal justice foreign to our own traditions. I do not share such fears, however, because of the many years' experience I have had in command of American troops overseas. This experience convinces me that our friends abroad will continue to cooperate, as they have in the past, in turning over those charged with offenses against their laws to our own military courts for trial."

A small isolationist group, headed by Senator Bricker of Ohio, tried to nullify the Status of Forces Treaty by removing Article VII from it.

The Bricker movement was defeated,

however; and on July 15, 1953, by an overwhelming majority, the Senate ratified all three NATO treaties as submitted.

Seventy-two senators voted for the Status of Forces Treaty; fifteen voted against; nine senators did not vote.

The fifteen who voted against it: Bricker of Ohio; Dirksen of Illinois; Dworshak of Idaho; Jenner of Indiana; Malone of Nevada; McCarthy of Wisconsin; Schoepel of Kansas; Welker of Idaho; Williams of Delaware; Frear of Maryland; Johnston of South Carolina; Long of Louisiana; McCarran of Nevada; Russell of Georgia; and Smathers of Florida.

The nine who did not vote: Butler of Maryland; Taft of Ohio; Chavez of New Mexico; Daniel of Texas; Fulbright of Arkansas; Kennedy of Massachusetts; Stennis of Mississippi; Morse of Oregon; and Kilgore of West Virginia.

The Status of Forces Treaty clarifies, specifies, and makes uniform the legal status of American soldiers in all NATO countries; and it provides a model for similar agreements with all other nations where American troops are stationed.

#### IMPROVES LEGAL STATUS

The treaty has actually improved the legal status of our troops abroad. It has obtained more concessions for our soldiers and their families—firmer guarantees of justice for them—than they previously enjoyed under the executive agreements before the treaty was formally ratified.

Should any case of suspected injustice arise, the American commanding officer can, through our State Department, request the authorities of the foreign state to waive jurisdiction over the case. If the foreign authorities fail to comply, the United States can consider withdrawal of its troops.

In short, an American on trial in a foreign country will have all those rights to which a citizen of that country is entitled.

This was the only adequate and equitable solution of a delicate problem. To insist on exclusive American jurisdiction would mean a ruthless trampling on the sovereignty and feelings of our good foreign friends.

It would be a needless insult to such civilized nations as France and England—an implication that their systems of jurisprudence are backward, barbaric, not good enough for Americans.

And it would give credibility to the claims of our enemies—that America is trying to gobble up and exploit smaller nations, reducing them to the status of satellites.

NATO is a mutual defense organization. We cannot, therefore, ask from others what we will not ourselves give.



If the reactionaries and superpatriots had their way, America would pursue rigid, nationalistic policies founded on the assumption that we Americans—just because we are strong—have the right to operate on a take-it-or-leave-it basis with the rest of the world.

If we insisted on setting American soldiers aloof from the citizens and above the laws of the foreign lands where they are serving, our forces abroad would no longer have the character of friends participating with their foreign brothers in a common cause.

They would be looked upon as conquering legions. America would be branded as a militaristic aggressor just as the Soviets are.

In the end, we would find ourselves hated, isolated, and alone in a dangerous totalitarian world.

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That was one side. The other side will come next.

Here are views of some who do not approve of the Status of Forces Treaty.

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**T**HE Status of Forces Treaty abrogates basic constitutional rights of American soldiers serving on foreign soil. It repudiates one of America's oldest and finest traditions: namely, that the American flag and the protection of the American Constitution follow our soldiers wherever they go.

In America, any spy, subversive, or criminal of whatever kind is guaranteed a fair jury trial in open court. He can invoke the Fifth Amendment, refuse to testify, and heap abuse upon official representatives of our government. But an American soldier who is drafted and forced to serve abroad can now be arrested on trumped-up charges by foreign police officers, tried in a foreign court, sentenced and punished, without even having an American official present at his trial.

American soldiers, stationed in some forty-nine foreign nations, have been forced to give up their own careers, their own families, their own homes, to go abroad and serve the interests of foreign people. But this apparently is not enough. They must also be deprived of their most precious constitutional rights in order to keep our foreign friends friendly.

In the present administration, as under the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, it is bad taste for America to stand up for American rights. We must always yield to the demands of our allies, or we will lose the privilege of squandering American blood and American treasure to defend our allies.

Administration leaders and internationalists in the Senate argued that if we did not accept this Status of Forces Treaty and permit American soldiers to be tried in foreign courts, our NATO

alliance might break up. To an American who knows and cares anything about our constitutional system, and who has any pride in American traditions, it should be obvious that an alliance which can be held together only at the cost of destroying the inalienable rights of our own soldiers is not worth maintaining.

When urging the ratification of the Status of Forces Treaty, State Department officials promised that the treaty provisions would not set a precedent for agreements with any other nations except those in NATO.

The promise was silly and dishonest on its face. If the United States government will give away the rights of its own soldiers to thirteen of its so-called allies, what will it say to all its other allies who want similar arrangements?

The answer has already been given. Within a matter of weeks after the Status of Forces Treaty was ratified, our State Department—ignoring its own “no precedent” promises—used the treaty provisions as a precedent for negotiating executive agreements with Japan, giving the Japanese criminal jurisdiction over American servicemen and their families stationed in Japan.

Reflect on that for a moment. Some American serviceman who fought the savage Japanese from Guadalcanal to Okinawa now gets arrested by the Tokyo police and accused of committing a crime.

The American army can no longer take that soldier into custody and give him a fair trial in an American military court. The American army cannot even counsel with him or observe his trial to be sure that he gets a fair one.

The army simply has to turn its back on the American soldier and let him get whatever Japanese justice wants to give him.

When the soldier's people back in the States discover that he has been sent to a Japanese prison for two years or five years or life, they frequently cannot even find out from their own government what the soldier did or what he was charged with. All that his wife and children know is that their army allotment has been cut off.

No one really knows how much of this has been going on. The Pentagon will not release figures—even to congressmen—on the number of American soldiers sentenced by foreign courts as a result of the Status of Forces agreements.

#### POLITICAL HEADS WOULD ROLL

Foreign governments, of course, already have these figures. They know how many Americans they have in jail.

Why, then—since they are not trying to keep this information from foreign governments—do Pentagon officials label it “top secret”? Obviously, to keep the American people ignorant of what is going on.

If the American public knew how many of our servicemen—and their wives—are in foreign prisons, with no American constitutional protection, political heads would roll.

The American voters would drive out of public office every person who recommended the Status of Forces Treaty, every senator who voted for it, and every senator who was either too cowardly or too busy to get up on the floor and register his vote on July 15,



—Wide World Photos  
**GIs IN EUROPE**—Berlin orphans (upper left) are feted at a Christmas party arranged by L Company, U.S. Sixth Infantry Regiment. Bottom left, an American serviceman is entertained in the home of a German couple in Stuttgart, who responded to a campaign to invite occupation forces into their homes. At right, a corporal stops a German policeman for directions.

1953, when the Status of Forces Treaty was ratified.

From the scanty bits of information that have leaked out, we know that over 400 American citizens were sentenced by foreign courts in 1953.

We know that by November, 1954, over 1200 Americans were imprisoned in Japan alone.

We know that Mrs. Antonie Pierre, wife of an American serviceman in Japan, was indicted by Japanese authorities because her rented house accidentally caught on fire.

#### IMPRISONED WITHOUT TRIAL

We know that two American army privates (Scott and Crews), involved in a beer-hall brawl in Sapporo, Japan, in April, 1954, were still in jail nine months later (and may still be in jail)—without ever having had a trial. You see, in Japan criminal cases are frequently adjourned and interminably delayed; and a defendant—even though he may later turn out to be innocent—stays in jail until the verdict is finally in.

Families of servicemen protest that their relatives are subjected to indignities, suffering, and denial of their rights as American citizens in Iceland—where the biggest political party is the Communist party; where the second biggest newspaper in the nation is a Communist newspaper; and where anti-American feeling is intensely bitter.

American servicemen are subjected to abuse and injustice in France—where one out of every four public officials is a Communist.

We have these Status of Forces agreements with Moslem countries, where the penalty for petty theft is to cut off the right hand of the offender.

In America, the Constitution protects everybody, citizens and aliens alike, from cruel and inhuman punishment. But if your boy is drafted and sent overseas, he doesn't have that protection. He could have his right hand cut off if he got involved in a silly prank and stole somebody's chicken.

We have this Status of Forces agreement with the Communist government of Yugoslavia. In every Communist country, of course, it is high treason to criticize the government in power. An American soldier who is caught in Yugoslavia criticizing communism could be sentenced to die.

There was absolutely no precedent in American tradition—or even in international law—for the thing we did in July, 1953, when we gave away the constitutional rights of our own soldiers.

When America was an infant nation, the great Chief Justice John Marshall—father of American jurisprudence—carefully spelled out the constitutional principle that service in the military

forces shall not abridge or nullify an American's constitutional rights.

Our high officials today hold that it is all right to nullify constitutional rights of our soldiers overseas, because we can trust foreign governments to be fair.

#### BAD BARGAIN FOR AMERICA

No one wants an American soldier who commits a crime to go unpunished. But if our Constitution means anything, it means that every American, including soldiers, has a right to a fair public trial before fellow Americans.

It is true that some American soldiers stationed abroad are tough characters who do willfully violate law. But it is also true that most American soldiers stationed abroad are decent, homesick, frightened, and bewildered boys who were forced into military service and who have no means of defending themselves before a hostile court in an alien land.

President Eisenhower says that the Status of Forces Treaty is justified because it is reciprocal—that in giving up jurisdiction over our own soldiers, we acquired jurisdiction over foreign soldiers stationed here.

What every American ought to know is that American constitutional rights are not for sale or trade on any terms.

If the American government acquired jurisdiction over 100 million foreigners in exchange for sacrificing the constitutional rights of one American citizen, it would still be an immoral and unconstitutional deal.

But the Status of Forces Treaty was a bad bargain for America—even if we ignore principles and make a factual comparison of what we gave with what we got.

There are no foreign troops stationed in America. Altogether, there may be in the United States as many as 15,000 foreigners here on some kind of military mission—as observers, experts, or special trainees. On the other hand, there are approximately one million American troops stationed abroad. In acquiring jurisdiction over 15,000 visiting foreigners, we nullified the constitutional rights of more than one million American soldiers.

Suppose one of the 15,000 foreigners does get in trouble here in the United States?

Whoever he is, he gets the full protection of the American Constitution. He must be represented by counsel; he must have time to prepare his defense; he must have a full explanation of all charges made against him; he must be faced by his accusers in open court; he must be permitted to subpoena, at government expense, whatever witnesses he needs to defend himself; he cannot be compelled to testify against himself.

But an American soldier in trouble abroad is at the mercy of people whose language he may not speak, and who may hate him merely because he is an American.

He has no guarantee of a public trial, or even a trial by jury; no right of appeal; no guarantee of freedom of speech; no protection against unreasonable searches and seizures; no protection against excessive bail or excessive fines; no presumption that he is innocent until he is proven guilty; no requirement that his guilt must be proven beyond reasonable doubt.

That is how reciprocal the Status of Forces Treaty is.

#### AMERICAN SOLDIERS BETRAYED

If the senators who betrayed the rights of American soldiers by ratifying this treaty need to salve their conscience, they can, of course, remember the warning of Bedell Smith, old army friend of Eisenhower, who was Undersecretary of State when the Status of Forces Treaty was under consideration.

While testifying before a Senate committee in behalf of this treaty, Bedell Smith let the senators know that they might just as well ratify the thing, because if they didn't, the executive would continue handling the problems as it did during the Truman administration—by secret agreements.

We are approaching the midnight hour in the history of American constitutional government; but the hour is not yet too late. The American people can have their Republic and their Constitution back if they are not too lazy and indifferent to find out what is going on, or too cowardly to stand up and be counted.

They can demand the revocation of the Status of Forces Treaty and of all the other shadowy, ill-conceived, and evil entanglements which are sucking this nation into a bottomless quicksand of war and international power politics.

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HARDY BURT:

Max Eastman's latest book will surely be blasted to the high heavens by many critics or given the old silent treatment. I don't believe, however, many of the critics will be able to ignore this book, *Reflections on the Failure of Socialism*. It's entirely too blunt and frank and provocative.

For example, in the first chapter right at the outset Mr. Eastman states, and I quote him, "Almost everyone who cares earnestly about freedom is aroused against the Communists. But it is not only the Communists, it is in a more subtle way the Socialists who are blocking the efforts of the free world to recover its poise and its once firm resistance to tyranny."

Mr. Eastman, I know you explain this reference to Socialists in your new book, but I wonder if you would tell us in person your reasons for blaming not only Communists but Socialists for undermining freedom and upholding tyranny?

MAX EASTMAN:

To be specific, the Socialists in Italy, combining with the Communists, overthrew De Gasperi's government and De Gasperi was one of the wisest statesmen

would sort of cramp my style. I do want to say that I think it's vividly written, dramatic, and easy to read, and I'm looking forward to reading it from the samples I've taken.

The reason I'm explaining this is I noticed one little reference that you made in there to Fabian socialism. Too many of our listeners may not really know what the term is, Fabian socialism. Would you explain what you mean by that reference?

Fabian socialism was a movement in England started by Sidney and Beatrice Webb and Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and others to win a Socialist state not by revolution or even strictly speaking, by the labor class struggle, but by a gradual infiltration in other parties and also suppressing the word *socialism*.

They succeeded—they succeeded in pretty near wrecking the prosperity of the British Empire, I think, or of England at any rate. But it took them about seventy-five years. But they did it and that's what the Socialists here are doing now, most of them.

Famous Author of "*Reflections on the Failure of Socialism*" gives interview to FACTS FORUM'S Hardy Burt

# MAX EASTMAN



Back in the early 1920's Max Eastman was one of America's most ardent champions of socialism. His decision to alter his political beliefs was not hastily conceived. It involved many years of research and study of philosophy, economics and political science, the history of man and his civilizations, and into human nature itself.

His quest led him to probe into the political scene in America, in Europe, and to live for two years among the Bolsheviks in Russia.

State of the Nation radio program featured Max Eastman as its guest, and presented an authoritative disclosure of his book and his life.

defending free enterprise in Europe. The Socialists, combining with the Communists in France, refusing to collaborate with the capitalists, have prevented the formation of any stable government. The Socialists in Norway have put on the most authoritarian regime to be found this side of the Iron Curtain. The Socialists in England prevented England from repeating the miracle of recovery which astonished the world and her defeated enemy Germany.

The references you have now made to Socialists is socialism in Europe. What about the Socialists in America such as those, say, represented by Norman Thomas, who received such beautiful accolades as a great American from the liberal press on his recent birthday—what about socialism in America?

I don't know whether you want me to talk about Norman Thomas or socialism in America. If we stick to socialism in America, the fact is that Norman Thomas has retired from active political leadership. The Socialist party in America didn't amount to enough for him to stick by it. That's because the Socialists as a general body abandoned their party and joined in the Democratic party with the effort to win progress towards socialism by collaborating with the Democratic party.

Mr. Eastman, I deliberately did not read your book very, very carefully. I scanned through it, and the reason I didn't read it very carefully is because then I would know the answers to all of the questions that I wanted to pose for you—that

Now, do you say that we have Fabian socialism in this country—that socialism is in disguise in other forms of our government?

Yes, except that there was a regular Fabian organization in England with that program.

Well, what is this? Disorganized Fabian socialism infiltration?

That's a good phrase. I wish I had that when I wrote my book.

Why did you come to the conclusion after many years of being devoted to socialism that socialism was wrong; that it wouldn't work?

The first shock came in Moscow when I saw what happened as the result of Lenin's party seizure of power there, the gradual emergence of a dictatorial party and totalitarian regime. That made me start investigating the subject, but it took me an awful long time. It took me fifteen years to find out that the socialist hypothesis, as I call it, had been disproven by an experiment.

How was it disproven? What was the experiment?

Because everywhere it happens the freedom of men disappears progressively even though in some cases and to some extent their equality increases.

Didn't you say something in your book about the socialist doctrine, if it is to be made to work, demands a state apparatus and planning?

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# The Untold OPPENHEIMER STORY

By PAUL CROUCH

Recognizing a *Life* magazine cover photo of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Paul Crouch realized that the A-bomb expert was the "very famous scientist" he had first met at a Communist party meeting in California and previously known only as Professor Z. Even more positive identification was made after Crouch and his wife Sylvia saw Oppenheimer in a *March of Time* film. Aided by the FBI, Crouch sought to identify the house where he had first met Oppenheimer in 1941, where the new Communist party line was unreeling to special Red section units. Crouch says, "An agent of the FBI gave me a great surprise. He told me that the house had been occupied at the time of the 1941 meeting...by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and his wife Katherine."

## Part III

After the discovery that the 1941 special section meeting had been held in a house occupied by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Mr. Combs and I gave greater attention to the backgrounds of the scientist and his wife, and to his associations with people like Steve Nelson and Dr. Joseph Weinberg. Both men already had been identified in House Committee reports as having been actively engaged in atomic espionage for the Soviet Union.

We learned that Dr. Oppenheimer's associations with the Communists had continued long after the meeting at his home in the summer of 1941. During the war years, when Dr. Oppenheimer was in charge of atomic bomb research, he had repeatedly entertained Steve Nelson in his home. It must be remembered that Nelson was one of the leading Reds in the United States, trained in Moscow's espionage schools, and had been a lieutenant colonel in the Communist army in Spain during the civil war there.

Here was the man in charge of making the atomic bomb, entertaining one of the leading agents in charge of stealing the secrets of that bomb for the Soviet Union! And Dr. Oppenheimer knew the facts about Nelson's background and his position at that moment as a leading official in the Red apparatus. It was like a bank president entertaining a known bank robber in his home.

We found that Dr. Oppenheimer had many radical associates in New York before he and his brother Frank moved to California. One was Arthur Kallet, head of Consumers Union, the Communist front that Walter M. Trumbull had helped to set up. This important Communist-controlled organization was in its infancy when Dr. Oppenheimer came to the West Coast. From the time of his arrival he was the outstanding leader

in California for the Red front. The committee files contained evidence (first made public at the 1954 AEC hearings) that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer had attended a Communist meeting in his brother's home. I know of evidence of other meetings, even more important, that has not yet been made available to the public.

One of the most serious links in the chain was the large number of Communists who had been employed for work on development of the atomic bomb under Dr. Oppenheimer. One was Lloyd Lehman, one of the leading Communists in the county, who is known to have been associated with Dr. Oppenheimer as early as 1940. After his connections with development of the bomb, Lehman became the open and official Communist organizer for Alameda County—the position I had held in 1941 and Steve Nelson in 1942-43. Among those who have been identified as Communists who worked on the bomb were Dr. Joseph Weinberg, Dr. Bernard Peters, Professor David Hawkins, Dr. Frank Oppenheimer, David Bohm, Irving David Fox, Giovanni Rossi Lomanitz, Max Bernard Friedman and Robert R. Davis, as well as many others who could be named.

In the East, Professor Clarence Hickey, who belonged to the Communist party in Tennessee when I was the State Organizer there, was one of those employed in development of the atomic bomb. Of those named, only Robert Davis has given what I regard as the only real evidence of a break with communism—full and open testimony and direct answers to all questions about his former membership and all of his associates.

Looking at Dr. Oppenheimer's postwar record, we found that he had done every-

thing possible to lead the American people into the false and fatal belief that the bomb was an American monopoly. He also tried to put across the absurd theory that even "if" the Russians had the know-how, they could never make the bomb.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* of February 8, 1947, had quoted Dr. Oppenheimer as saying "...real atom bomb 'secret' is safe...yet it is my opinion that even if we threw the books wide open and showed the Russians, for instance, all the facts and figures we have, it would only confuse them."

Could anyone as intelligent and well informed as Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer be that stupid and naive? Could one who had spent years in close association with traitors like Steve Nelson, William Schneiderman and others make such a colossal mistake in underestimating the Soviet government and world communism? One must be charitable indeed, with unbounded faith in human beings, to be able to give "yes" answers to such questions.

When we turned from the background of Dr. Oppenheimer to that of his wife Katherine, we found almost a blank page. Little was known about her. Congressional reports had made mention of the fact that a former husband had been killed while serving in the Communist "Abraham Lincoln" Brigade in Spain, and that after his death in action Steve Nelson, a lieutenant colonel in the Red forces, had "befriended" her. Also, the reports indicated that after her marriage to Dr. Oppenheimer she had introduced Steve Nelson to him. But all reports avoided mention of the name of the former husband who had been killed in Spain.

Reference books made mention of Dr. Oppenheimer's marriage to Katherine Harrison in November, 1940. There was no published inference that she had been married more than once before she

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Paul Crouch and his wife Sylvia



Selections from Mr. Kennan's testimony before the AEC Personnel Security Board (Gray Board) April 20, 1954. Follow. Interrogator: Herbert S. Marks, cocounsel for Dr. Oppenheimer.

Q. In what connections have you known Dr. Oppenheimer?

A. I first met Dr. Oppenheimer ... at the National War College here in Washington in 1946. Dr. Oppenheimer lectured there. I was in charge of political instruction generally. ...

I then took over this responsibility as head of the Policy Planning Staff in the Department of State ... I met Dr. Oppenheimer on numbers of occasions in the course of my work. ... The main fields with which I was concerned were those of the international control of atomic energy and the straightening out of our relations with our own allies, particularly the British and the Canadians, in matters affecting our ability to obtain raw materials for the conduct of our atomic energy program here. ...

I sat several times at least in rooms here in government offices with Dr. Oppenheimer and participated in consultations in which he also participated. Some of those meetings I chaired. I remember at least one which he chaired. It depended on where we met.

Q. Were these matters on which you sat of importance? How would you describe them?

A. I would describe them as matters of the greatest delicacy and of, I think, quite vital importance to the conduct of our entire atomic energy program in this country. They were all matters which were given the highest possible security classification at the time, and I do not recall that we ever had any leaks about them. They were conducted in complete secrecy.

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Q. As a result of your experience with Dr. Oppenheimer ... what convictions, if any, did you form about him?



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George F. Kennan

# In Behalf of OPPENHEIMER

Testimony of **GEORGE F. KENNAN**

Former Russian Ambassador Kennan, Soviet affairs specialist, served with the U.S. Foreign Service for twenty-seven years prior to his retirement in July, 1953. Upon retirement, he became affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

His background: In 1928 he served as vice-consul in Geneva and Hamburg and then was selected as one of the first group to be trained at the University of Berlin for special work in the Soviet field. He was a reporting officer in Berlin—first in the legation of Riga before the U.S. established diplomatic relations with Russia, and after 1933 in the Moscow Embassy. Other service included work in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Portugal. From 1947 to 1950, he was Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff. He is usually considered the author of the Policy of Containment.

A. I formed the conviction that he was an immensely useful person in the councils of our government, and I felt a great sense of gratitude that we had his help. I am able to say that in the course of all these contacts and deliberations within the government, I never observed anything in his conduct or his words that could possibly, it seemed to me, have indicated that he was animated by any other motives than a devotion to the interests of this country.

Q. Did you ever observe anything that would possibly have suggested to you that he was taking positions that the Russians would have liked?

A. No, I cannot say that I did in any way. After all, the whole purpose of these exercises was to do things which were in the interest of this country, not in the interests of the Soviet Union, at least not in the interests of the Soviet Union as their leaders saw it at that time. Anyone who collaborated sincerely and enthusiastically in the attempt to reach our objectives, which Dr. Oppenheimer did, obviously was not serving Soviet purposes in any way.

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Q. Mr. Kennan, is there any possibility in your mind that he was dissembling?

A. There is in my mind no possibility that Dr. Oppenheimer was dissembling.

Q. How do you know that? How can anybody know that?

A. I realize that is not an assertion that one could make with confidence about everyone. If I make it with regard to Dr. Oppenheimer it is because I feel and believe that after years of seeing him in various ways, not only there in government but later as an associate and a neighbor and a friend at Princeton,

I know his intellectual make-up and something of his personal make-up and I consider it really out of the question that any man could have participated as he did in these discussions, could have bared his thoughts to us time after time in the way that he did, could have thought those thoughts, so to speak, in our presence and have been at the same time dissembling.

I realize that is still not wholly the answer. The reason I feel it is out of the question that could have happened is that I believed him to have an intellect of such a nature that it would be impossible for him to speak dishonestly about any subject to which he had given his deliberate and careful and professional attention.

That is the view I hold of him. I have the greatest respect for Dr. Oppenheimer's mind. I think it is one of the great minds of this generation of Americans. A mind like that is not without its implications.

Q. Without its what?

A. Implications for a man's general personality, I think it would be actually the one thing probably in life that Dr. Oppenheimer could never do, that is, to speak dishonestly about a subject which had really engaged the responsible attention of his intellect. My whole impression of him is that he is a man who, when he turns his mind to something in an orderly and responsible way, examines it with the most extraordinary scrupulousness and fastidiousness of intellectual process.

I must say that I cannot conceive that in these deliberations in government he could have been speaking disingenuously to us about these matters. I would suppose that you might just as well have

asked Leonardo da Vinci to distort an anatomical drawing as that you should ask Robert Oppenheimer to speak responsibly to the sort of questions we were talking about, and speak dishonestly.

Q. An incident is referred to in 1913, in which it is said that an approach to Dr. Oppenheimer was made under circumstances suggesting that the approach was somehow connected with a possible effort by the Russians to secure information or to secure information in their behalf, and that for some months thereafter he failed to report this incident.

What effect does that failure on his part, which he freely admits was wrong, have on your present thinking about it?

A. Mr. Marks, I have testified about him here as I have known him. I can well understand that at earlier periods in his life conflicts of conscience might have arisen, as I think they could with any sensitive person, between his feelings about his friends—perhaps his pity for them—and his governmental duties. On the other hand, I would also be inclined to bear in mind the fact that in 1913 the Soviet Union was hardly regarded by our top people in our government as an enemy—that great masses of American materials were being prepared for shipment to the Soviet Union, many of them. I assume, involving the transmission of official secrets. I could imagine that the implications of this may not at that time have appeared to be so sinister as they do today in retrospect, and I could also imagine if after all the information was not given in this particular instance, the man in question might have felt that no damage had been done to the government interest and that the question of the men who had initiated such a request might be better perhaps left to their own consciences and to the process of maturity in their own development.

I don't know; I can imagine those things. For that reason I would hesitate to make definite judgments on the basis simply of what I read in the letter of indictment. [General Nichols' letter.]

Q. Would it change your opinion if I were to suggest to you that when Dr. Oppenheimer did report this incident to security officers on his own initiative, as it turned out, he didn't tell them everything about it? He still withheld the name of the friend and told them a story that was not the whole truth?

A. Mr. Marks, I do not think that that would alter anything on the statement that I just made prior to your question. I might only add to it that I could well conceive that Dr. Oppenheimer might have done things which he would think in retrospect were mistakes or which others would conclude in retrospect were mistakes, but that would not preclude in his own instance any

more than it would in the case of any of the others the process of growth and the ability to recognize mistakes and to learn from them and to make fewer in the future. What I have said about his activities, his personality, the cast of his mind during the years when I knew him would, I think, not be affected.

Q. These convictions that you have expressed about him, the confidence that you have expressed in him, what part is played in that judgment by the experience that you had as a Soviet expert?

A. I think a considerable part. One of the convictions that I have carried away from such experience as I have had with these matters in the field of Soviet work concerning the Soviet Union is that these things cannot really be judged in a fully adequate way without looking at the man as an entirety. That is, I am skeptical about any security processes that attempt to sample dif-

here, and I must say my recollections of all these official matters at that time are somewhat telescoped and entirely capable of being in error with regard to details. But the recollection is simply this. When it was first made known to the Secretary of State that there was a technical possibility of going ahead with the development of this weapon, at least to the extent the government now had before it a decision as to whether to develop the weapon or not—

Q. The question of making it?

A. The question of making a decision as to whether to attempt to develop the weapon or not. When that state of affairs was first brought to the attention of the Secretary of State, he at a very early stage there asked me into his office. My recollection is that Dr. Oppenheimer was there, and there may possibly have been one or two other people, but I do not remember who they



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A-bomb Scientist J. R. Oppenheimer as he testified before a Senate committee.

ferent portions of a man's nature separate from his whole being. I must say as one who has seen Robert Oppenheimer now over the course of several years and more latterly outside of government that I have these feelings and entertain them on the basis of my estimate of his personality and his character as a whole.

Q. Are they feelings or are they convictions?

A. They are on my part convictions, sir.

[At this point in the testimony, Marks turned to another subject—the problem in 1949 of whether the hydrogen bomb would be developed. He asked Kennan under what circumstances he had been consulted regarding the H-bomb.]

A. I can only give my recollection

were. We spoke about this and the only thing I can remember, I think, of that conversation is that we were all agreed that regardless of how the decision might fall, it was important that this government should re-examine its position with respect to the international control of atomic energy to make sure that nothing had been left undone from our side to get international agreement about these weapons before we proceeded with this program of the hydrogen bomb.

In other words, we wanted to make absolutely certain that before launching on this new phase of the atomic weapons race, our position in the United Nations on the international control of atomic energy was the best position that we could devise and most helpful one.

The Secretary of State asked me to

re-examine this question, to have another look at our international negotiation position as we had exposed it in the United Nations... whether there was anything more that we could now propose which might have a chance of putting an end to the atomic weapons race instead of facing us with the necessity of going ahead with this....

Q. I take it that... you heard Dr. Oppenheimer express his views?

A. I recall going to Princeton in the fall of 1919 on one occasion. I had several things to do there. I called on Dr. Oppenheimer at the Institute, if my memory is correct, and we discussed it then. I was also once at sometime in that period—I don't know exactly when—asked to appear before the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission, simply as a consultant. They wanted to hear my views. They asked me questions. The questions related primarily to the present state of our relations with the Soviet Union, the state of what we called "the cold war." I replied as frankly as I could to them.

Q. What impression did you get, if you remember it, of Dr. Oppenheimer's views?

A. I would not be able to quote his views in memory or in any detail or in any great accuracy. I can only say that the general impression I carried with me was the impression of a man who was greatly troubled by what he felt to be the extremely solemn implications of this decision.

Q. That is the pending decision?

A. The pending decision. Who realized that it was one the implications of which might carry very far—that it was almost impossible to predict where we might end up if this sort of a race with weapons of mass destruction were to go on indefinitely and, therefore, was greatly troubled and concerned to arrive at the most enlightened and sound decision that could be made.

[Here Mr. Kennan explained that, in his recollection, Oppenheimer did not try to sell him on any view. Kennan said he reported to the Secretary of State in January, 1950, regarding his analysis of the H-bomb problem.]

A. ... The gist of my own views was simply this: I felt that this government was in no way in good position to make any great decisions with regard to either the international control of atomic energy or actually with regard to its own weapons program before it gained greater clarity in its own mind as to the purposes for which it was holding what were sometimes called the A, B, C weapons in general. By that I am thinking of the weapons of mass destruction—the atomic, chemical, and so forth. It seemed to me that there was unclarity in the councils of our government as to

the reasons why we were cultivating and holding these weapons. The unclarity revolved around this question. Were we holding them only as a means of deterring other people from using them against us and retaliating against any such use of these weapons against us? Or were we building them into our military establishment in such a way that we would indicate that we were going to be dependent upon them in any future war and would have to use them, regardless of whether they were used against us first?

Q. Have we not taken the position that we would only use them for purposes of retaliation?

A. It is not my impression that we have, and it was not my impression at that time that there was any such determination in the councils of the United States government.

On the other hand, if I remember correctly, I was able to cite statements that had been made by some of our high military leaders—I think both in the councils of this government and in the NATO councils of Europe—which indicated very strongly that we were getting ourselves into a position where we would have to use these weapons as forward military weapons, regardless of whether they were used against us.... I favored the holding of these weapons only for purposes of retaliation and as a deterrent.... If you were asked, "Should we or should we not proceed to the development of a whole new range of more powerful atomic weapons?" (which was involved in the hydrogen bomb decision), you had to ask yourself "How much do we need the weapons of mass destruction in general?" That is the first question that had to be faced because if you already had enough, perhaps you didn't need the hydrogen bomb at all.... I had not at that time seen the evidence that what we already held in the old and regular atomic bomb... was not enough to make it a fruitless undertaking from the standpoint of Soviet policy to launch a war on us with these weapons.

In other words, I considered the burden of proof to rest on that point. It seemed to me you would have to prove that we could not do the job with the weapons we already had and, to my knowledge, that was never demonstrated to me at the time. Perhaps the answer might have been one thing or the other, but I had never seen the proof.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION BY ROGER ROBB, COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD

Q. Have you had much experience, Mr. Kennan, with Communists?... Are you familiar with Communist dogma or technique?

A. I think I am, sir. I have had about twenty years of reading the Soviet press

and sometimes other press organs with the view to determining whether they reflected that type of dogma or not. I feel I have a certain familiarity with it.

Q. Would you place much weight in a statement of a Communist that he just left the party or had disassociated himself with it before coming on some secret work for the government?

A. I would certainly regard it as a factor very seriously relevant to fitness for office, but one to be examined individually. You asked a moment ago about the case of our Embassy out there. Mr. Bullitt, for whom I had the greatest respect and about whose security I never had the faintest doubt, had been married to the widow of John Reed, who was the first prominent American Communist, I suppose, in this country. We didn't find that a source of worry with regard to Mr. Bullitt.

Q. No, I am talking, rather than matrimonial association, more active association with the Communist party. Would you tend to view with considerable skepticism a statement of a man who admitted that he had been an active member of the Communist party or had been active in Communist affairs... that he had just left the Communist party or left the Communist affairs on the eve of coming to work in the Embassy?...

A. I think we would have regarded it as a factor which meant that there was a certain burden of proof to demonstrate that the man's value to us was very great and that this could be satisfactorily explained away, and we had something that we could depend on in judging that he was now a person whose loyalty we didn't need to worry about.

Supposing the Russians had developed the hydrogen bomb and had got it, and we didn't have it; what would then be our position vis-a-vis the Russians in any negotiations?

... I have always held doubts... as to whether the fact that perhaps one party had weapons of this sort a little more destructive or greatly more destructive than the other would nevertheless change this situation so vitally. We did, after all, have the old type of bomb. We had some means of delivery. I think the world would have gone along pretty much the same....

Q. You don't feel, then, that we would have been at any disadvantage as against the Russians if they had the hydrogen bomb and we had not?

... I think that our position with regard to them has depended much less on the mathematical equation of who has this and who has that in the way of weapons of mass destruction than we think it has....

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BURT: What is an intellectual?

BURNHAM: An intellectual is not necessarily some one who is intelligent. The term *intellectual* actually was first used in Russia. There it applied really to what we would call white collar workers—the whole field of white collar workers including teachers but also clerks and government workers.

We have taken it over, and I think what we usually mean by it is somebody who makes his living by words, either by talking them or by writing them, or by teaching them or by preaching them.

In the most general way it's an occupational word—intellectual—and it means some one whose living is made out of words.

HODGES: To me an intellectual is a person who is engaged primarily with ideas instead of things. I would like to emphasize that he's therefore on the frontier of theory rather than down slugging out with production and that sort of activity. I think the background of America in this respect is very important, because the founding fathers were outstanding intellectuals. That's one of the most interesting characteristics about the origins of our government.

BURT: They were concerned with ideas rather than things?

HODGES: They had the capacity of the best intellectual to think and to act. I think it's very important for us to recognize that President Jackson, the product of the new frontier in the West, probably started the fight against intellectualism.

BUCKLEY: I think both Mr. Burnham and Professor Hodges have illuminated the question. I'd like to make one further distinction that an intellectual is somebody who is interested in the theory of things. And precisely why I am going to indict later on the ruling intellectual elite in this country today is because it can be demonstrated that they are interested in theory, it can also be demonstrated that there is very little relationship between their theory and things.

COMBS: I would suggest that the fruit of the intellectual effort in this country has been a number of things, tangible things—all of which can be demonstrated to have been beneficial to our country. I am not really above consulting the dictionary occasionally for definitions, not having the more detached and...

HODGES: Intellectual growth?

COMBS: ...Olympian point of view of you other gentlemen of having...

BURNHAM: It spoils the fun if you always settle it by the dictionary, Mr. Combs.

COMBS: Yes, it's having the capacity for the higher forms of knowledge or thought. I should agree that it is represented by a preoccupation with ideas

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rather than with purely material values, although frequently the ideas do eventuate in a very tangible program.

You were speaking just a moment ago, Mr. Buckley, of the ruling intellectual elite which means that you, as an intellectual of the right, are challenging the ruling of the elite of the left...

BUCKLEY: No, I say I'm indicting them....

COMBS: You are indicting them?

BUCKLEY: I'm not stripping them of their...

COMBS: I'm prepared to indict you too, let us say, ideologically.

BURNHAM: You'll grant that they are both intellectuals. You'll think that the right and left both have their intellectuals?

COMBS: Of course, I will. Of course, I may say the right—the extreme right represented by these gentlemen here—in its demonology equates intellectuals with liberals and liberals with sin.

BUCKLEY: No, there is an undistributed middle there...

COMBS: I think it can be exemplified, however, by its exponents, two extraordinarily articulate ones that are present.

BURT: Mr. Burnham, is the average American intellectual inclined to favor increased government domination of the private citizen's activities?

BURNHAM: I would say that over the past generations I think this has been true of the most conspicuous intellectuals, the ones who use words most frequently and most publicly; that means in particular the intellectuals who have been educated in the universities of the eastern seaboard and who hang out (a good deal of the time) in New York, Washington, Boston and the other cities...

There is another distinction about

what makes an intellectual that might be worth mentioning here. For the most part an intellectual is someone who calls himself so. If I'm going to be an intellectual, the most important thing for me to do is to regard myself as an intellectual.

Now there are some very intelligent persons in many parts of the country who are perhaps too humble or too modest to point to themselves and say, "I am an intellectual." But if we look at what they do, if we look at how they think and the quality of their thinking, there is no reason that they cannot rank alongside some of those whose names are more frequently in the papers.

COMBS: I'll go along with that statement.

BURT: Professor Hodges, is the average American intellectual inclined to favor increased government domination of the private citizen's activities?

HODGES: To me this is a question of time, because intellectuals have their fashions like other people. I think it was fashionable in the 1930's under the New Deal. I think we'd agree the temper was in favor of an extension of governmental interference. It was the pattern of thinking and I would, as a professor, say that I was regarded at New York University from time to time as a Fascist because I didn't happen to go along with the Roosevelt New Deal doctrines.

COMBS: You call yourself an undistributed middle?

HODGES: I think that is quite adequate, sir. I have reduced somewhat since that day.

BURNHAM: Let me go back to what Mr. Combs said a moment ago. He suggested that Mr. Buckley and I are objecting to intellectualism and intellectuals. Not at all. I'm very much in favor of intellectuals if they are the right kind of intellectuals.



Intellectuals—the self-styled and those so labeled by definition of the Russian-devised term—arouse varying sentiments. A leading American intellectual, Author-Philosopher James Burnham (lower right) is featured in this analysis with panelists: Author William F. Buckley, Jr., Commentator George Hamilton Combs, and Professor Charles Hodges of New York University. Hardy Burt served as moderator.



I'd like to refer here to a historical analogy. In the sixteenth century the great courtier and poet and warrior, Sir Philip Sidney, wrote a marvelous essay called "In Defense of Poesy." If you read over that essay you'll see that in it he attacks nearly all the poets of the time. But he attacked them in the name of better and purer and more adequate poetry for which he stood and which, as a matter of fact, he was helping to usher in by that work.

In the same way it seems to me we have reached a point where it would be well if someone would write in defense of intelligence. In that defense he would necessarily find that he was making a sharp attack on most of those who have pretended to speak in its name as intellectuals over the past generation.

HODGES: I think in one of Mr. Burnham's books dealing with containment or liberation he makes a very strong point that the American is not a theoretician. He's not concerned with ideologies which have so marked the intellectual in the last generation, let's say. Therefore, there's a strong anti-ideological tendency. I think you used those words.

We have in the values of America the emphasis on practical doing so far as the popular mind goes, and we forget that before you can do, you have to know how to do. I think that that has been lost to sight under the influence of our American life.

COMBS: I will not say that the question is somewhat semantically unfortunate. I would merely prefer rephrasing it: Is the average American intellectual interested in government's fulfilling its function and duty to the people?

BURT: You're saying this is the same question?

COMBS: Yes, and I would not regard that as government interference, to use the splendidly objective word used by my professorial colleague. It seems to me absolutely necessary that intellectuals recognize that we are no longer in the mummy clothes of an Egyptian century, and that it is necessary to do a certain amount of planning...

I am tremendously impressed by Professor Burnham's comment in one of his books in which he is referring to liberal intellectuals. He says they are mistaken in their predictions, false in their analyses, wrong in their advice, and, through the result of their actions, injurious to the interests of the nation. That is reason enough to strive to free the conduct of the country's affairs from the influence of them and their works.

BUCKLEY: Hear, hear!

COMBS: And Mr. Buckley in a book in which he approvingly quotes this says some day the patience of America may at last be exhausted and we will strike out against the liberals.

Mr. Buckley says that Mr. Burnham was most clearly advocating social sanctions against them. What are social sanctions? Well, Mr. Buckley refers to social sanctions in somewhat indefinable terms, but if I can define them—making life uncomfortable for the target individual, schools refusing to hire teachers, radio stations closing their doors to artists and so on and so forth. I suggest that this is rather harsh medicine to use against the "intellectual."

BUCKLEY: I suggest that it's a very dangerous game to misquote me in my presence.

COMBS: No, no. I'm not misquoting you in your presence. I have the book here...

BUCKLEY: What Mr. Burnham—I will let him spell out the exact meaning of those phrases which have...

COMBS: Maybe it was L. Brent Bozell's footnote down here: "Mr. Burnham was clearly advocating social sanctions against them."

BUCKLEY: The question is what does Mr. Burnham mean, and what do Mr. Bozell and I mean in subscribing to the notion that it is time to free the conduct of the country's affairs from the influence of the liberal intelligentsia. My point is that there is constantly a struggle in every society for control. It's manifested politically in a democracy by a struggle for control of Congress, for example. It's a struggle for control of the White House.

I suggest that the liberals have been extremely effective. I would even go so far as to say ruthless and coarse and brutal in their struggle for power, and have been completely successful in dispossessing conservatives of any power, whether political power or social power, or even intellectual power.

What Mr. Burnham (and I will let him talk for himself here) was suggesting in the passages that you quote, and what I was hoping would turn into a prediction, is that sooner or later the American people would recognize that the dominant liberal intellectuals in this country have stabbed them in the back; that they had been inadequate in their counsels; that they had been superficial; and that they had been totalitarian. And for that reason we would turn and ask someone else to assume positions of control; i.e., for example, the conservative intellectuals.

COMBS: That's a very euphemistical way of putting somewhat blunt language...

BUCKLEY: Social sanction...

COMBS: Yes, social sanction, and social sanctions mean to you definite interference in the economic life...

BUCKLEY: I would suggest that it's nothing less than a social sanction the fact that you are hired regularly to talk over radio and TV here in New York whereas Mr. Burnham is not.

COMBS: As a matter of fact, I don't say that Mr. Burnham could, with difficulty, find sponsorship for the enunciation of his rather extraordinary views.

BUCKLEY: You say that Mr. Burnham is distinguished from other people because he meets your particular qualifications as an intellectual...

COMBS: Mr. Buckley, I don't think you would encounter any difficulty in finding sponsorship for your own rather odd philosophies.

BURT: Would you like to have the job as agent, Mr. Combs?

COMBS: That is one that I believe I would eschew for the moment.

BURNHAM: Mr. Combs is giving this very strange aura to the term "social sanctions" as if Mr. Buckley and I were proposing that the liberal intellectuals should be taken out and put in concentration camps...

COMBS: Oh, no, no, no, no, no! No, that isn't what was said.

BURNHAM: Or things of that sort. Well, what in the world is more natural than to favor those whom one believes have the correct answers to our country's problems occupying, for example, the important posts in the State Department? Social sanctions mean throwing people out of policy-directing positions in the State Department who are leading our country...

COMBS: Those are political sanctions.

BURNHAM: ...into its own destruction. No, they're also economic sanctions. It loses jobs and a very fine thing it is for the country that some of them recently like John Stewart Service, like John P. Davies and so on.... That's the sort of sanction we're talking about.

COMBS: I would suggest in reply to Mr. Buckley's assertion that the liberals have stabbed us in the back and the liberals have brought us to this present state of distress that, while there hasn't been quite enough intellectual planning in the present administration, the country does not seem to be prostrate. I've seen no evidence of mass misery. I've seen very little proof of that degree of social dislocation which is about to bring revolution. I think the intellectuals have done very well.

BUCKLEY: I think these are highly callous statements to make to a society that has just lived through three wars in a period of thirty years and faces at point blank range the greatest and solidest and most formidable enemy that civilization has ever seen, that is forcing 30 per cent of its income to try to buy ourselves some kind of reprieve from the mistakes that have been made by our liberal leadership over the past thirty years.

COMBS: You would have had us oppose fascism, I take it?

BUCKLEY: Are you bringing in fas-

cism here? What connection...

COMBS: You said that mistakes had been made.

BUCKLEY: So what? Now this is the liberal's mind at work.

COMBS: Well, of course, Germany was Fascist and Italy was a Fascist country. Japan was a Fascist country. You would not have had us oppose their encroachments?

BUCKLEY: And the Soviet Union was a Communist country.

COMBS: No, no, no. Answer my question. Would you not have had us oppose Germany's militarism?

BUCKLEY: I'm saying that if Mr. Burnham, or anybody whom he designated, had been in charge of our foreign policy starting from 1938 on, we would not be in our present plight because he did not fall for the Communists after 1938 and 1939. But the liberals almost to a man did, with the result that while we were trying to beat Hitler here, all we did was transfer the center of totalitarian power from Berlin to Moscow and reinforce it tremendously in the process.

COMBS: I think you have to narrow your argument a good deal. Forget about those three world wars that we improvidently fought.

BUCKLEY: I'm saying that there is no justification for your Pollyannish talk here about how prosperous and well off we are in the face of this terrible plight. It's irresponsible.

COMBS: I think, as a matter of fact, we're very well off, indeed, if there were a little higher content of planning.

BURT: Are the American people suspicious of intellectuals or do the people look to intellectuals for political and economic leadership?

HODGES: I should say that the people are not sufficiently politically alert to classify in this particular manner. I suppose that it's a question of not bothering about egg heads, to take a popular expression.... Now it seems to me that leadership response in America is essentially glandular and certainly not intellectual. I think we follow heroes; we stampede along an emotional line. I don't think there's much intellectual decision as yet.

BUCKLEY: I think it's the opposite.

BURNHAM: I think in much of the country the people are growing suspicious of intellectuals and with very good reason--reason, at least, looked at in the short view.

They are suspicious of them because they see some of their fruits. They see--and much better than the papers and commentators very often give them credit for it--they see what has happened to the international position of this country. They see the consolidation of so much of the world against us. They see the fact that we are unable to act

effectively against it precisely because we have followed the advice of intellectuals, especially the liberal and left intellectuals who have been dominating public opinion in this country and who have been dominating the State Department and the other agencies of the government that determine foreign policy.

This suspicion, in my opinion, is unfortunate in one sense because it tends to become a suspicion of intelligence and of intellectual work in general instead of being directed against these specific persons who are the authors of the difficult position, the almost desperate position in which we now find ourselves.

BUCKLEY: I'd like to just amplify what Mr. Burnham has been saying and at the same time remark on Mr. Hodges' statement by saying that, unfortunately, the American response is not visceral. If it had been visceral they would not have been so willing to forgive our leaders for the terrible and costly and bloody mistakes that they have made. Nor would they be willing to forgive one atrocity after the other that have been traceable to the Soviet Union. I believe we need more emotion, more passion, a visceral response, indeed--right from the stomach.

I would say Mr. Burnham therefore put his finger on it when he says that we must never allow our resentment over the terrible specific errors made by our intellectual leadership in the last thirty years to turn us into agents of anti-intellectualism, as such. This, I hope we will not do. The people who are conducive to such an attitude are the liberals who really stick to their outworn and mistaken premises.

BURNHAM: Or be anti-intellectual in general.

COMBS: I should like to call to the attention of Mr. Burnham, who has passed this animadversion upon the intellectuals in power, that they are responsible for social security; they are responsible for unemployment insurance; they are responsible for the possible adjustment of monetary policies and credit to prevent deflation; they are responsible for this present stable world.

Therefore it would seem to me that it ill behooves him to criticize the pioneering work of men who were thinking constructively, simply because he would like to retire into the sarcophagus of Cheops.

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## SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

WHEN a person has been denied public employment because he is suspected of Communist activities, should he have the right to face and cross-examine his accusers?

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In the tradition of Facts Forum, let's answer this question from two opposite points of view, taking first the arguments of some who say YES.

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Ever since Joe McCarthy began his career of slander in 1950, decent Americans both in and out of Congress have been trying to devise a code or set of rules for congressional investigators which would place some curb on the demagogues who capture headlines and win powerful support in the fanatic lunatic fringe of American voters—voters who think that the only valid purpose of Congress is to hunt imaginary witches.

Most proposals prescribing orderly and judicial procedures for congressional committees bog down in legal disputes over jurisdiction or over the question of separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government; or they get sidetracked by petty jealousies and personal ambitions of individual congressmen; or they get lost in the partisan struggles between political factions.

In the present Congress, Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota has been presiding over a subcommittee holding hearings concerned with the over-all problem of the nation's internal security programs.

The nonpartisan, anti-Communist, political organization known as Americans for Democratic Action—ADA—prepared for this subcommittee one proposal which cuts through all the red tape and partisan conflict and gets to the very heart of the problem of guaranteeing internal security but at the same time protecting the constitutional rights of accused persons.

The ADA simply proposed that when

a governmental agency fires—or refuses to hire—a person because he is accused of subversive activities, that person be given the privilege of facing his accusers—of hearing from them, face to face, what they have to say about him.

The professional anti-Communist witch-hunters are behaving as if this proposal represents some kind of dangerous and radical doctrine.

If these superpatriots would ever read the Constitution of the United States—which they so loudly claim to revere—they would discover that this ADA proposal comes from Amendment VI to that Constitution.

Amendment VI to the Constitution of the United States says that an accused person must be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him and must be confronted with the witnesses against him.

### BRANDED AS SECURITY RISKS

Yet for years—particularly for the past two years—we have witnessed the degrading spectacle of thousands of Americans being fired from their government jobs, or being denied the privilege of getting government jobs, for the vague, unspecified reason that they are suspected of subversive activities.

Many who are branded as security risks are never told what the specific charges against them are.

Others who do hear the accusations are never told who their accusers are. All they can ever learn is that they have been accused by some confidential FBI informer known only as T36, or by some hired, anonymous stool pigeon of a police department or congressional committee.

There are floating around Washington innumerable vague reports by anonymous informers who claim to know about Communists in government service.

Any congressman or senator unscrupulous enough not to care how many

innocent people he hurts can make political capital of these reports.

He can capture headlines by broadcasting these anonymous reports as concrete evidence that the whole governmental establishment is in the hands of traitors and spies.

Then, a timid and politically sensitive administration starts firing everybody against whom any accusation has been made, because the administration certainly doesn't want the reputation of being soft on communism.

### BLACK SILENCE OF FEAR

For too many years now, Americans have been under the black silence of fear and in the grip of hysteria. They have been told that Communists are everywhere. Suspicion has run rampant. Smear and character assassination have been the order of the day. Guilt-by-association and a Fifth Amendment plea are regarded as the equivalent of conviction in open court. FBI files have been used for partisan political purposes.

We are at a critical time in our history. At a time when we are leading an alliance of the free world against a vast Communist empire, the superpatriots would have us waste all of our energies—and sacrifice all of our democratic traditions—in a mighty struggle against an insignificant little American Communist party whose total membership is about 25,000.

During the war years, when Russia was our ally, a few Communists did get into our government. But most of these were removed from government employment years ago. The congressional committees have been busy belaboring a few Communists who have long since been detected and removed from positions where they could do harm.

As a matter of fact, our zealous investigators have had such a hard time finding Communists in government that they have had to look for them in the churches, the press, the schools, and the Girl Scouts. The maternity wards will

probably come next—when it occurs to some enterprising anti-Communist that here would be the ideal place to nip communism in the bud.

Countless respected Americans are accused of "following the Communist line." The charge is hysterical and absurd. The total circulation of all Communist publications in the United States is scarcely more than twenty thousand. Through their little publications and their front organizations, the Communists may influence a few non-Communists to support some of their proposals. But it is physically impossible for great numbers of people, schools, papers, and churches to be following the Communist line, as has been charged by irresponsible crackpots.

The self-styled anti-Communists are doing infinitely more damage than the little handful of card-carrying Communists could possibly do. The Communists could not possibly create as much disruption, suspicion, distrust, and general demoralization as that which is being promoted by the anti-Communist mania.

The morale of whole government departments has been destroyed. Federal employees are afraid to take any action, make any recommendation, express any opinion—lest they be accused of being "Communists." Department heads are afraid to protect innocent subordinates. No Communist or group of Communists could make the shambles of our executive departments that has been accomplished by the so-called "anti-Communists."

The Hitler-like operations of those who pose as anti-Communists have made the United States ridiculous in the eyes of the world. Europe is well acquainted with these Fascist techniques—from bitter experience—and it doesn't like them. What are we to say when such outstanding Americans as Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson, traveling abroad, have to confess to foreigners that Americans are divided with fear and distrust of one another?

How humiliating Mrs. Roosevelt must have found it when she had to apologize to Marshal Tito for the antics of Joe McCarthy! How can we explain to the world our frenzied campaigns of book burning?

#### ROADBLOCKS IN PATH TO UNITY

One of the most serious effects of the destructive efforts of crusading anti-Communists is the wedge they are perpetually driving between us and our allies. It is almost as if these dissident elements were deliberately trying to divide the free world for the Kremlin. When they are not looking in the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife for scheming Communist organizers, they are throwing roadblocks in the path of every attempt



—Wide World Photo

Sen. Hubert Humphrey

to build international unity and collective security.

Even the President of the United States cannot protect government employees who are attacked by congressional investigators hiding under the cloak of congressional immunity. Equally defenseless are the countless individuals not in government service—workers, teachers, actors, newspapermen, and even ministers of the Gospel—who are ruthlessly driven out of employment by wild and sensational accusations.

Witnesses are forced to plead the Fifth Amendment—innocent people who dare not declare their innocence for fear that a paid informer like Harvey Matusow will be dredged up to send them to jail. Then these innocent persons are labeled "Fifth Amendment Communists," convicted, and fired from their jobs.

Men who are dead and cannot defend themselves are smeared in the reports of investigating committees. Old material

that has been adjudged inconclusive by a former President and his top advisers is dug out of FBI files in an attempt to make the smear stick.

This condition has lasted too long. It has become a national disgrace. It has grievously hurt many innocent people; and it has done grave damage to the reputation of America in the eyes of the world.

The quickest and surest way to correct it is to require informers to stand up and be counted.

If someone burning with patriotism thinks he has information about a so-called Communist conspiracy, he ought to be willing to make a public disclosure. If he knows about some dangerous Communist hidden in an important job, let him come before proper authorities, take an oath, face the person he is accusing, and spell out his accusation.

Surely this requirement would not discourage the real patriots who say they are dedicating their lives to fighting communism and saving Americanism.

#### ROUTE TO OBLIVION

It would, however, put a damper on the malicious gossips, paid stool pigeons, and professional crackpots whose lives are dedicated to slander. All of these would go slinking off into the oblivion where they belong. The great witch-hunt would come to an end, and if we could solve this distressing internal problem, we might clear the atmosphere enough for our superpatriots to see the real danger that threatens America today.

America is in no danger from the vague, nebulous idea of communism.

The danger to our nation lies in the massive armed might of the Soviet bloc of nations. It is this force that threatens the free world—not the philosophy of



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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spent three days visiting with Yugoslav President Tito at his summer estate during her world tour in 1953.



communism. It is time that we realized that our enemy is the military forces arrayed against us—and not the idea of communism. We must seek ways of easing international tension and of bringing about a progressive demobilization of all the great powers.

The Communists do exist. We cannot ignore that fact or wish them out of existence. We must learn to exist peacefully with them. And there is no better place to start than at home.

The principle of coexistence is sound. You cannot defeat ideas by annihilating the people who hold them. We coexist with many evils—crime, juvenile delinquency, and slums—and no one has suggested that we try to combat these by wiping out people.

This is not to imply that we do not need protection from internal subversion.

We do.

The ADA proposal that we return to the Constitution and give accused persons an opportunity to confront their accusers would give us the kind of internal security program we need—one which is effective, but which meets the demands of justice and fair play.

That was one side of the question. The other side will come next.

Here are arguments of some who DO NOT believe that the FBI and other investigating agencies should be forced to disclose the identity of confidential witnesses against persons who have been denied public employment because of suspected Communist activities.

A GENERATION ago, Americans looked upon Communists as wild-eyed, bomb-throwing fanatics who were dangerous in a limited way, very much as a mad dog is, but, like a mad dog, easy to identify and dispose of.

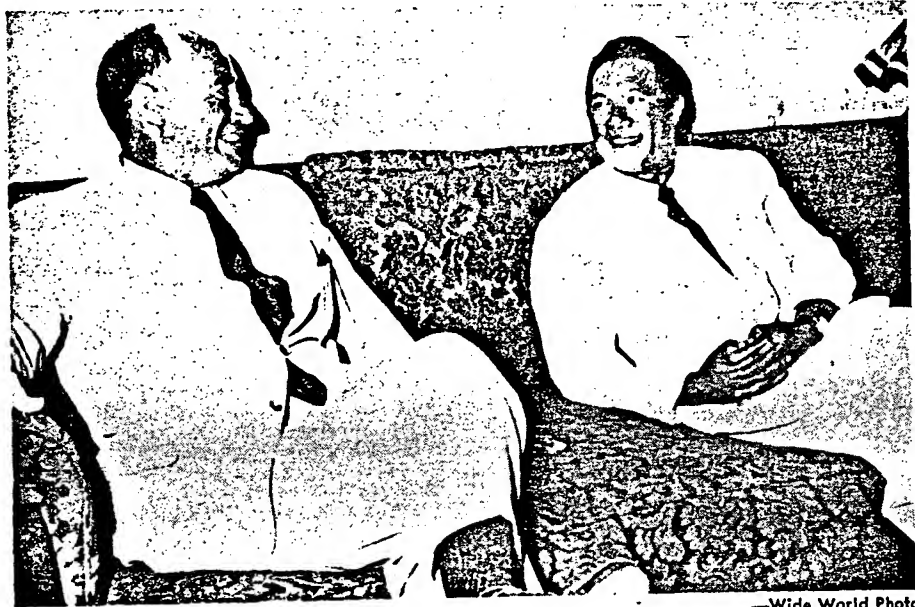
Such people are indeed a danger to life and limb as long as they are at large with weapons in their hands, but they represent no threat to the American way of life. They have no means of subverting the massive institutions of freedom in America, nor is there danger that large numbers of people can be infected with their particular brand of insanity. But if you see the elite of our society—the certified gentlemen of the day, the scholars bristling with college degrees—doing the work that the criminal revolutionary conspirators want done, you behold an odd and dangerous condition indeed.

This is the phenomenon which we have been witnessing in the United States for a number of years. The Communist party, through its official publications, has been crying that all of the investigations of communism (all government security programs, all efforts to root out subversion and treason in American life) were destroying Ameri-

civil liberties, creating public hysteria, and doing violent damage to the nation. No one in his right mind would pay any attention to the Communists for saying all of these things, any more than he would sympathize with a gangster who criticizes the police department for arresting outlaws. But when the moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, namely, the Reverend John Mackay, says publicly that anti-Communists may be more dangerous than Communists; when a leading bishop of the Methodist Church, namely, G. Bromley Oxnam, thunders comparable nonsense all over the country; and when such as these have a support-

town—adding gangster, you would probably get excited. If you knew this gangster had plans to take over the city, murder all decent citizens, and institute a reign of terror, you would no doubt be worried because you saw him hanging around the city hall all the time. If you took this matter up with the local newspaper editor and the minister of your church, and they lambasted you publicly as being an idiot, a reactionary, and a troublemaker for mentioning the condition, you might even be excused for going into hysterics.

The American people—rather calmly—have been witnessing just this sort of thing on a national scale for many



—Wide World Photo  
Adlai Stevenson conferring with Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, now Vietnamese Chief of State, on Viet Nam's political, economic and military problems, in 1953 when he made a weeklong tour of Indochina.

ing cast of the most influential intellectuals in our land (like, for example, Edward R. Murrow, Walter Lippmann, Elmer Davis, Palmer Hoyt of the *Denver Post*, James Reston of the *New York Times*, the Alsop twins of the *Tribune*, and almost anybody you can think of in *Time* and *Life*) confusion is likely to be compounded to the point of producing public hysteria.

#### DISTORTED PICTURE PAINTED

Justice William O. Douglas, and Adlai Stevenson, and numerous other worthies of their persuasion have been telling the whole world that a black silence of fear has settled upon the people of America, and that we're all in a state of hysteria. That is a strange picture for these patriots to be painting of our land—strange, for one thing, because it is not accurate.

The American people are not hysterical, and to say that much is to pay a high tribute to the American people.

If you saw the chief of police in your city in daily consultations with the

years. The Communists are the bloodiest gang of thugs the world has ever seen. They have a plan to take over this nation, murder all decent citizens, and institute a reign of terror. Yet daily, we see the leaders of our land in consultation with them, trying to make good-faith agreements on disarmament, planning big-power conferences, offering to pool atomic energy resources with them, and perpetually talking about peaceful coexistence with them. For three long years we were regaled daily with stories of Communist atrocities committed against our soldiers in Korea.

America's great liberals could, with the greatest composure, read about American soldiers shot in the back of the head or kicked off a road to die in Manchuria. But let some anti-Communist investigator in the United States disclose the presence of some suspected Communist in a university or government job, and the liberals erupt with great violence—not because of the suspected Communist, but because of the patriot who exposed him.

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	WFTL-TV*	23	Tues	8:00 p
Fort Myers	WINK-TV*	11	Sun	9:30 p
Gainesville	WRUF*	850	Mon	9:30 p
	WRUF*	850	Mon	8:00 p
Hollywood	WTVT*	17	Fri	10:30 p
Jacksonville	WJHP*	1320	Thurs	9:30 p
Key West	WKWF*	1600	Mon	9:30 p
	WKWF*	1600	Thurs	9:30 p
Kissimmee	WRWB*	1220	Sun	3:00 p
Lakeland	WLAK*	1430	Sun	4:45 p
Live Oak	WNER*	1450	Wed	6:30 p
	WNER*	1450	Fri	7:30 p
Marianna	WTYS*	1340	Mon	9:30 p
Miami	WIOD*	610	Thurs	6:15 p
	WKAT*	1360	Mon	9:30 p
	WKAT*	1360	Thurs	9:30 p
Panama City	WPCF*	1400	Sat	5:45 p
	WPCF*	1400	Mon	9:30 p
	WDLV*	590	Sun	2:00 p
West Palm Beach	WIRK-TV*	21	Sun	7:00 p

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## GEORGIA

Atlanta	WSB*	750	Thurs	7:15 p
	WQXI*	790	Thurs	9:30 p
Cordele	WMJM*	1490	Mon	9:30 p
	WMJM*	1490	Thurs	9:30 p
Covington	WGFS*	1430	Sun	1:15 p
	WGFS*	1430	To be announced	
Dalton	WBLJ*	1230	Sat	6:45 p
Dublin	WMLT*	1340	Mon	9:30 p
Gainesville	WGA*	550	Mon	9:30 p
	WGA*	550	Thurs	9:30 p
Griffin	WKLU*	1450	Mon	9:30 p
	WKLU*	1450	Thurs	9:30 p
La Grande	WLAG*	1240	Mon	9:30 p
	WLAG*	1240	Thurs	9:30 p
Macon	WNEX-TV*	47	Sun	6:30 p
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	WMVG*	1450	Thurs	9:30 p
Monroe	WMRE*	1490	Sun	8:15 p
Statesboro	WWNS*	1490	Mon	9:30 p
Swainsboro	WJAT*	800	Sun	5:15 p
Toccoa	WLET*	1420	Thurs	9:30 p
	WLET*	1420	Mon	9:30 p
Valdosta	WGOV*	950	Thurs	9:30 p
Waycross	WAYX*	1230	Mon	9:30 p
	WAYX*	1230	Thurs	9:30 p

## HAWAII

Hilo	KILA*	250	Sun	8:45 p
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# SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

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Thus the Communists get on with the job of revolution in the United States. For five years the Communists have been confidently saying that they were going to destroy the anti-Communist movement in the United States.

How successful have they been?

The sordid Matusow case? No, not the Matusow case. That's an obvious Communist plot. You will have to look somewhere else.

Look, for example, at the Fund for the Republic, a fifteen-million-dollar fund set up by the great Ford Foundation to investigate. Investigate Communists? Oh, no. To investigate the investigators of Communists!

## WITNESSES OR SCOUNDRELS?

You might take a look at a whole series of articles run in the *Denver Post* under the general theme of "Faceless Informers." The net effect of these articles is to prove that all of the undercover witnesses who have given vital information to FBI and congressional investigators about the Communist conspiracy in the United States are scoundrels. And after you have looked at that series of articles, you might take a look at the University of Arizona, which gave a Freedom of the Press award to Palmer Hoyt, the author of those articles.

More particularly, we must take a look at the current ADA proposal for forcing the FBI to identify its informants in security cases. Mr. Joseph Rauh, a founder and vice-president of the Americans for Democratic Action (which calls itself an anti-Communist organization), demands that all persons who are discharged from or denied employment in government service on the basis of information that they are security risks be faced with their accusers. If this proposal were adopted, the FBI system of counterespionage against the

Communist party in the United States would be completely ruined within two months. How? The Communists could simply send their people, one at a time, to governmental agencies to apply for jobs. Every time one of them was denied a job because he was suspected of being a Communist, he could then demand that the FBI reveal the source of all of its information concerning his Communist activities.

Why would an American political organization which calls itself anti-Communist make such a proposal? Who knows? The strange assortment of violent prejudices, inconsistencies, incoherent nonsense, and mystifying contradictions which make up the philosophy and code of ethics of America's liberals is something totally incomprehensible to a sane person.

To the modern liberal there is only one respectable kind of anti-Communist: the kind who scolds communism in general, polite terms, but heaps venomous abuse on the genuine anti-Communists who are actually hurting communism in America.

Ponder the case of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who can entertain Soviet officials at polite teas and talk about how really nice they are once you get to know them, even though Mrs. Roosevelt surely knows that Soviet officials have been responsible for more mass murders and wholesale enslavement of human beings, more torturing of human bodies and twisting of human minds, than all other tyrants in history.

Mrs. Roosevelt's benign tolerance forsakes her at the very mention of Senator McCarthy, one of Mrs. Roosevelt's fellow Americans who never murdered anybody.

Mrs. Roosevelt, as all the world knows, hates smearing. Whenever one

of her friends is identified as a Communist, she waxes—bitter, if not eloquent. At any rate, she waxes.

Shortly after Whittaker Chambers identified Alger Hiss as an underground Communist, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote:

"Smearing good people like Laughlin Currie, Alger Hiss, and others is, I think, unforgivable... anyone knowing either Mr. Currie or Mr. Hiss, who are two people I happen to know fairly well, would not need any denial on their part to know they are not Communists."

## HISSES AT HISS'S EXPOSERS

Nowadays, Mrs. Roosevelt says simply that the Hiss case was a sad one, and, anyway, even if Hiss was a Communist spy, he could never have done as much harm to America as the people who exposed him have done. And Mrs. Roosevelt has never ceased calling Whittaker Chambers nasty names.

Whittaker Chambers—a devout and sincere man whose testimony was of inestimable value in informing and alerting the American people about a grave and hidden danger to their nation—has been called everything from a moral degenerate to a psychopathic liar, by the very liberals whose sensibilities are so tender when Joe McCarthy lashes out at one of his "Fifth Amendment Communists."

Communists who leave the conspiracy but keep quiet and protect their former comrades are left alone. But let one of them, trying to atone for his past sins against God and man, expose a hidden Communist, and he is viciously attacked by the liberals.

Perhaps this hatred of ex-Communists on the part of some liberals is due to their own intimate flirtations with communism in the past. They coddled the Communist youth, signed petitions, invited Communists to the White House, and poured their money into the Communist party and its fronts.

Today, they do not like the Commu-

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Joseph Rauh



Palmer Hoyt



Harvey Matusow

# The Untold Oppenheimer Story

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became Mrs. Oppenheimer. The logical conclusion was that a former husband named Harrison had been killed in Spain. Committee investigations soon disclosed the fact that Katherine had been married to a Richard Stewart-Harrison, and up to the time of her last marriage in November, 1940, she often signed her name *Katherine Stewart-Harrison*.

I did much of the research work on her background. One fact after another came to light. It was learned that she was a native of Germany, daughter of Frank Puening, a chemist. Her father came to the United States and lived for some time at Aspinwall, Pa., and through his naturalization Katherine obtained derivative citizenship. She had been educated at Aspinwall High School, the university at Pittsburgh, Pa., the University of Wisconsin, the University of Grenoble, in France, the university in Munich, Germany, UCLA in Los Angeles and the University of California at Berkeley. Her scholastic record was a brilliant one indeed, and in extraordinary intelligence she is not far from the level of her famous present husband. At first she majored in languages and in physics, then turned to study of botany with specialization in study of fungus.

Instead of having had only one former husband, the one killed in Spain, I found that her marriage to Dr. Oppenheimer is her fourth one. After I learned the facts to my own satisfaction, much additional research was required for positive confirmation. About the age of twenty-one she had married a man named Ramseyer. After an annulment she married Joseph Dallet, an important and high-ranking Communist official.

Dallet's record as a leading Red went back to 1927 or earlier. In 1928 he had been in charge of the Communist department, for the state and district of Ohio, for infiltration of the armed forces and operated under my directives as head of the national department. Dallet had worked closely with Betty Gannett and Israel Amter, the leading Communist officials in Ohio during the late twenties. For a brief time, Dallet had been acting District Organizer of the Young Communist League in Ohio. During most of the early thirties Dallet was a leading official of the Communist party in the Youngstown area, working under direction of the veteran Red leader, John Steuben. Dallet had also carried on Communist activities in the Chicago area.

For evidence of Dallet's important role in the Communist conspiracy over a period of many years one has only to

read Steve Nelson's book, published about two years ago. Both went to Spain in 1936 to serve in the Communist organized "Abraham Lincoln" Brigade. I found considerable evidence that Katherine was active in the Communist party during the years she was married to Dallet. (She admitted this in testimony at the AEC hearings in 1954.)

It is interesting to note that during the time Katherine was married to Dallet she never used his name in obtaining American passports—using her maiden name at that time, which had been restored after annulment from Ramseyer. Even after I learned that she had been married to Dallet, I had no documentary records to prove it, and I know of none today other than her own sworn admission at the 1954 AEC hearings.

A year or two after Dallet's death in Spain during 1937, Katherine married Richard Stewart-Harrison of England, now apparently a California resident. It appears that she obtained a divorce from him on November 1, 1940, and married Dr. Oppenheimer the same day.

Unfortunately, notes I had given the California committee indicating Dallet and not Harrison was the name of the former husband killed in Spain apparently were overlooked when the 1951 report was being prepared, and the only error I have found in this published document was the incorrect reference to him as "Stewart-Harrison."

Dr. Oppenheimer and his wife, however, were only two of the dozens of records studied by the California committee, and I made an extensive study of documentation on the FAECT.

Minutes of Chapter 25 of Marcel Scherer's FAECT that had fallen into the hands of the committee revealed discussions and activities little short of treason.

The minutes of a meeting held at 8 p.m., April 7, 1943, at the home of Irving David Fox, contain such verbatim statements as these:

Ray Dunn stated that it would be necessary to obtain a complete personnel list of the employees with the Radiation Laboratory and that this could best be obtained from the personnel office. Dr. Nelson raised an objection to this procedure, stating that the filching of such a list would probably come to the attention of the FBI, which would make trouble for the FAECT.

Ted Finkelstein stated that many people he contacted objected to joining the union as they felt that the FAECT was Communist-controlled and favored cooperation after the war in setting up a Communist government in the United States. In answer to this Ray Dunn stated that he understood this attitude as he felt the same way—stated that the U.S. Communist party should set up its own government in this country.

And from minutes of a meeting of the FAECT Executive Board held on



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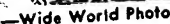
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**Irving David Fox**

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port, issued the following year, said:

While the hearing was in progress and immediately after Mr. Crouch had testified concerning the 1941 special section meeting, Dr. Oppenheimer was contacted by representatives of the press in New Jersey and issued a statement dated May 9, 1950. In commenting on Crouch's testimony concerning the special section meeting Oppenheimer said: "I have never been a member of the Communist party. I never assembled any such group of people for any such purpose in my home or anywhere else. I am unable to recall any gathering in my house that could reasonably have been mistaken for such a meeting. Neither the name Crouch nor the accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Crouch recall to me anyone I have ever known." [Committee's italics.]

The testimony of Mr. Crouch made it quite clear that this meeting, like all of the other special section meetings, was "assembled" by Kenneth May and Rudy Lambert, and Dr. Oppenheimer was never said to have "assembled" this particular meeting at his residence....

The committee, while still sitting in open session in Oakland, publicly invited Dr. Oppenheimer and his wife to appear and testify under oath. The committee would like to inquire about the political activities of Mrs. Oppenheimer and her first husband; about Dr. Oppenheimer's own affiliations with other organizations besides the teachers' union mentioned by him in his prepared statement; about his political connections in San Francisco, and other aspects of his activities that were developed during and since the Oakland hearing.

From the foregoing account one is necessarily impressed by the fact that Steve Nelson was the particular man who replaced Crouch as head of the Communist party of Alameda County in 1941... that the Soviet espionage ring had developed many reliable contacts in the atomic field through the FAECT and the special section of the party in Berkeley... that these three men, Eltenton, Chevalier and Ivanov, were unanimous in picking Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer as the most suitable man to contact. They knew his record much better than our own security agencies, and they evaluated him as a potential traitor.—From pages 242 and 243, *Sixth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1951*.

Dr. Oppenheimer and his wife neither accepted the committee's invitation to come to California and testify under oath, nor did they make any comment on it.

Even before adjournment of the California hearings, Representative Richard Nixon, then a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, issued a press statement expressing "full confidence" in the "loyalty of Dr. Oppenheimer."

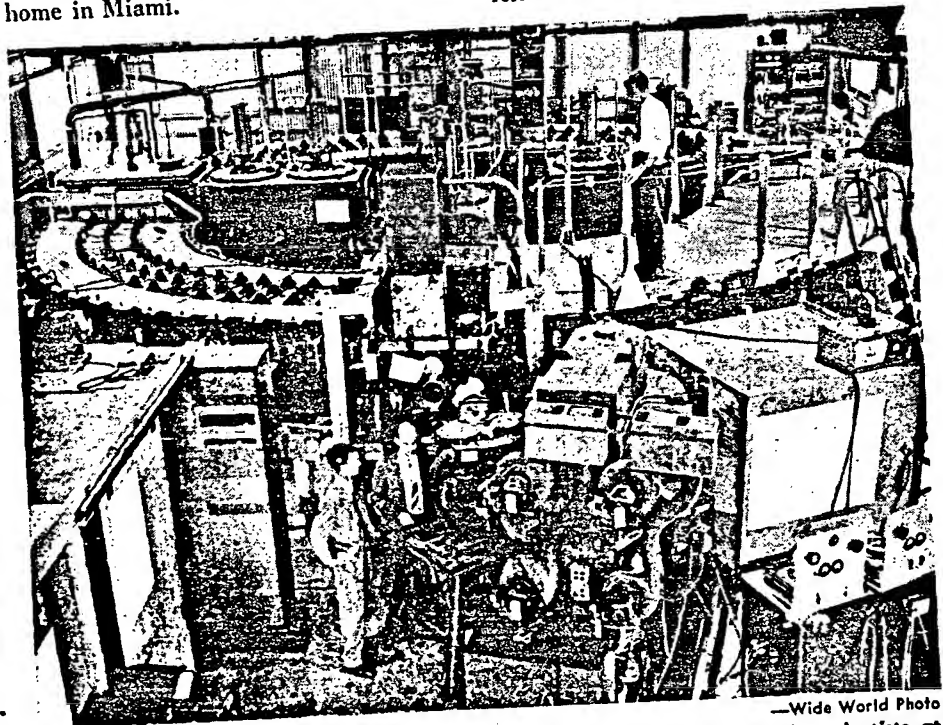
It should be noted that there was nothing in the facts brought out in the Oakland hearings that would necessarily prove that the scientist was not loyal in 1950. But there was evidence that if he and his wife were fully loyal in 1950 they were in a position to give the country much needed information about the Red conspiracy and Soviet agents with whom both had associated (Nelson and others). The public statement of Mr. Nixon (now the Vice-President) undoubtedly played into the hands of those who have been so anxious to prevent a

thorough and public investigation of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's entire background and activities.

The California committee's expectations of investigations and hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington failed to materialize, and for a year there were few public developments.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer continued to have full access to all secrets in the field of nuclear research, including the hydrogen bomb he tried to prevent the country from making. In April of 1951, he was appointed by President Truman to the Science Advisory Board of the Office of War Mobilization.

Requests by the Department of Justice for my services elsewhere took me away from California and my work with its state committee on June 1, 1950. Events of the next seven months took me to Seattle, New York, and back to my home in Miami.



—Wide World Photo  
A working model, one-fourth the size of a great Bevatron, is examined by scientists at the University of California Radiation Laboratory, Berkeley, Calif. Right of center in foreground is small cyclotron.

In March of 1951, I received a letter from Senator Pat McCarran, Chairman of the newly organized U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, asking me to come to Washington at my earliest convenience for testimony. Arriving in the capital the following month I found that the committee wished to go into the field of atomic espionage and the background of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, and to take up where the California committee had to stop.

On May 8, 1951, one year to a day after opening of the California committee's hearings in Oakland, I testified in executive session before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, with Senator Homer Ferguson presiding. I gave the committee the facts that

presented here in full to the country, for the first time.

After presenting these facts, and still under oath, I said to the committee:

The conclusion... is that the United States has never had any atomic secrets not known to the Soviet government. Even the major facts passed by Fuchs and possibly duplicated through other unknown channels needed to be supplemented by the reports of many specialists in different fields. In such a highly complex and complicated field as the atomic bomb and its production, it is obvious that not even one with the knowledge of Dr. Oppenheimer or Fuchs would have or could ever remember all of the intricate details directed by scores of subordinates.

I do not mean to imply that even half of the fifty Communists working on the atomic projects were involved in espionage for the Soviet Union. The smallest possible numbers are used directly for actual theft of confidential information. But the entire party organization played a role in it, and no "politically developed"

Communist could have been ignorant of the real objectives. In most cases, it would be a matter of trying to get other Communists on the projects, promote those under them in preference to others, and always praise and seek to advance their superiors who were party members. We must not forget that at this time the United States and the Soviet Union were allies, both in war against Germany, therefore the Communists would be hard workers—doing everything possible to perfect the bomb in the shortest possible time. The Communists logically had two objectives. First, perfect the bomb for use against Germany, an enemy of the Soviet Union. Second, to see that important data be passed to the Soviet government so that it would have every possible advantage in the future war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Perhaps it was correct to use Communists on the atomic project. Certainly,

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Blackfoot	KBLI-TV	1490	Sun	9:00 a
Boise	KIDO-TV	7	Sun	11:00 p
Moscow	KRPL-TV	1400	To be announced	
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Weiser	KWEI-TV	1240	Sun	5:30 p

ILLINOIS				
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Canton	WBYS	1560	Sun	
Cairo	WKRO	1490	Mon	8:30 p
	WKRO	1490	Thurs	8:30 p
Chicago	WGN	720	Mon	8:30 p
	WLS		Sat	6:15 p
Harrisburg	WEBQ-AM	1240	Wed	2:00 p
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Kewanee	WKEL	1450	Sun	12:15 p
	WKEL	1450	Sun	1:00 p
Lincoln	WPRC	1370	Sun	3:00 p
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Litchfield	WSMI	1540	Sun	
Mt. Vernon	WMIX	940	Sun	1:00 p
Rock Island	WHHF	1270	Mon	9:15 p
Rockford	WREN-TV	13	Sat	4:00 p

INDIANA				
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Jaeger	WITZ	990	Sun	1:00 p
Lafayette	WASK	1450	Mon	8:30 p
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Lafayette	WFAM-TV	59	Sun	8:00 p
Portland	WPGW	1440	To be announced	
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Marshalltown	KFJB	1230	Mon	8:30 p
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Oelwein	KOEL	950	Sun	7:00 p
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Spencer	KIGD	1240	Mon	8:30 p
Storm Lake	KAYL	990	Sun	9:35 a
Waterloo	KWWL	1330	Mon	8:30 p
	KWWL	1330	Thurs	8:30 p
	KWWL-TV	7	Sun	1:00 p

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Hazard	WKIC	1340	Mon	8:30 p
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Henderson	WSON	860	Mon	8:30 p
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Lexington	WLFX	1300	Sun	5:30 p
Louisville	WAVE	970	Sun	1:30 p
	WGR	790	Mon	8:30 p
Madisonville	WFMW	730	Sun	1:30 p
Monticello	WFLW	1570	Sun	2:00 p
Pikeville	WPKE	1240	Mon	9:30 p
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Minden	KAPK	1240	Sun	1:30 p
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Sturgis	WSTR*	1230	Sun	

MINNESOTA				
Austin	KAUS†	1480	Mon	8:30 p
	KAUS†	1480	Thurs	8:30 p
	KMMT-TV**	6	Fri	8:00 p
Bemidji	KBUN†	1450	Mon	8:30 p
	KBUN†	1450	Thurs	8:30 p
Breckenridge	KBMW*	1450	To be announced	
Grand Rapids	KBZY†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
Minneapolis	KSTP*	5500	Sun	10:15 p
Wadena	KWAD†	920	Thurs	8:30 p

MISSISSIPPI				
Aberdeen	WMPA*	1240	Sun	5:30 p
	WMPA*	1240	To be announced	
Biloxi	WYMI*	570	Sun	4:30 p
	WYMI*	570	To be announced	
Biloxi-Gulfport	WLOX†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
	WLOX†	1490	Thurs	8:30 p
Brookhaven	WJMB†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
	WJMB†	1340	Thurs	8:30 p
Canton	WDOB*	1370	Sat	11:30 a
	WDOB*	1370	Sun	3:00 p
Corinth	WCMA*	1230	Sun	6:30 p
Hattiesburg	WFOR*	1400	Tues	7:15 p
Jackson	WRBC†	1300	Mon	8:30 p
	WRBC†	1300	Thurs	8:30 p
	WSLI-TV*	12	To be announced	
	WJTV-TV*	25	Tues	6:00 p
McComb	WAFB*	1010	Sun	2:00 p
	WAFB*	1010	To be announced	
Philadelphia	WHOC*	1490	Sun	6:45 p
Starkville	WSSO*	1230	Tues	6:15 p
	WSSO*	1230	Fri	6:30 p
Yazoo City	WAZF†	1230	Mon	8:30 p

MISSOURI				
Cape Girardeau	KFVS†	960	Mon	8:30 p
	KFVS†	960	Thurs	8:30 p
Charleston	KCHR*		To be announced	
Clinton	KDKD*	1280	Sun	12:00 p
Hannibal	KHMO†	1070	Mon	8:30 p
	KHMO†	1070	Thurs	8:30 p
Jefferson City	KLIK*	950	Sun	1:45 p
	KWOS†		Mon	8:30 p
	KWOS†		Thurs	8:30 p
Joplin	KFSB*	1310	Sun	3:30 p
	WMBH†	1450	Mon	8:30 p
	KSWM-TV**	12	Tues	
Kansas City	KMBC*	980	Sun	12:15 p
	KMBC-TV*	9	Fri	2:30 p
Kennett	KBOA*	830	Sun	12:15 p
Kirksville	KIRX*	1450	Sat	6:15 p
Lebanon	KLWT†	1230	Mon	8:30 p
	KLWT†	1230	Thurs	8:30 p
Maryville	KNIM*	1580	Sun	2:45 p
	KNIM*	1580	Fri	3:45 p
Moberly	KNCM*	1230	Sun	1:30 p
Nevada	KNEM*	1240	Sun	1:05 p
Poplar Bluff	KWOC*	930	Sun	6:30 p
St. Joseph	KFEQ-TV*	2	Sun	1:00 p
St. Louis	KWK†	1380	Mon	8:30 p
Ste. Genevieve	KSGM*	980	Wed	7:45 p

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\*Facts Forum (Dan Smoot); \*\*Answers For Americans; †Reporters' Roundup; ‡State Of The Nation.



**F**ew commentators spotted it; but the sensational shakeup in the Kremlin last February bared for a brilliant instant one of the Soviet Union's best kept secrets, namely: the real status of its atomic weapons program. Official Western estimates, such as those made by the Atomic Energy Commission, naturally tend to err on the side of caution, depicting a Soviet atomic colossus possessing practically all the latest nuclear accouterments. But there is another side of the medal, that of a complex industrial operation almost tied in knots by a series of critical bottlenecks of the type that have chronically bedeviled Soviet industry. This was all but spelled out in Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's inaugural address\* in which the new premier

1. admitted "many serious shortcomings in many branches of our national economy"
2. blasted "our scientific and research institutions (for) ... lagging behind in devising machines and production methods corresponding to the present level of world technical achievements"
3. took to task "industrial undertakings which are slow in the practical applications of modern methods"
4. called for the stock-piling of the state's material reserves ("reserves mean our might and strengthening of the country's defense capacity").

All of this confirms what Bulganin didn't spell out. Shortages of electric power, uranium and industrial calculating and control equipment are seriously hampering Soviet atomic production.

Representatives of some eighty countries from both sides of the Iron Curtain will meet in Geneva in August in the first international conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy. The U.S.S.R. was understandably reluctant to agree to participate. It resists any dissemination of its knowledge—all participating nations are invited to donate both know-how and fissionable material for President Eisenhower's suggested "atoms for peace" program—and especially on this subject. What they fear primarily is that the free world may find out that Soviet atomic strength has been less spectacular than is widely believed.

There is good reason to believe that the first Soviet atomic explosion, announced on September 23, 1949, was not of a bomb but merely the stationary discharge of a U-235 chain reaction. Allied intelligence gives credence to a report of a German engineer POW who got out of the Soviet Union late in 1951 after talking with German laborers and technicians of the Soviet atomic project. The modest explosion in the Kara Kum Desert in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic close to Iran registered on Western detection devices.

In spite of theoretical advances, Soviet mastery of practical application

\*See *FACTS FORUM NEWS*, April, 1955, p. 33, ff.

then evidently not gone far enough to enable them to manufacture a portable bomb. Yet the test was more than a scientific success, for it set the West to guessing, and probably to overestimating Soviet atomic strength. Thus was overcome a Soviet diplomatic handicap that had begun in 1945 with the establishment of the American A-bomb monopoly. The next Soviet atomic explosions were recorded in October 1951. These indicated that a bomb had been produced but that the problem of mass production for stock-piling was unsolved.

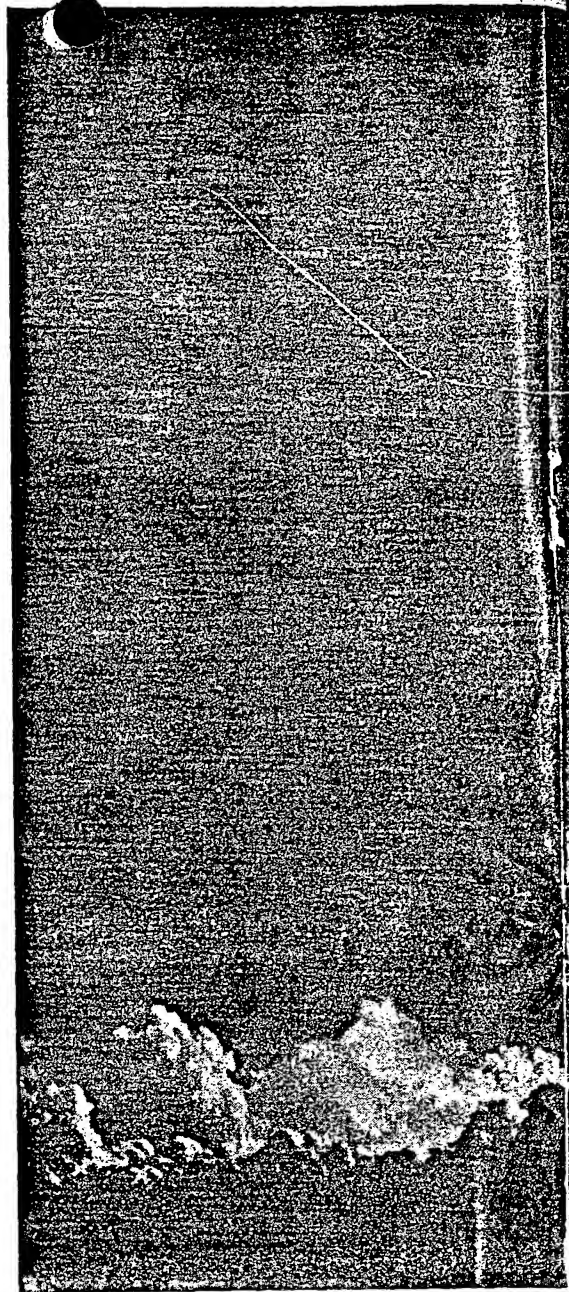
The Russians have always been strong on atomic theory. Dr. Peter Kapitza, lured back from his 13-year self-imposed exile in Great Britain, has been working on atomic fission since 1935, long before the Manhattan Project got underway in the U.S. He was seconded by such noted Soviet nuclear physicists as Messrs. Ivanenko, Frenkel, Leipinsky and Zeldovich. But Soviet achievements have been due in considerable part to some two hundred German nuclear scientists and technicians rounded up and transported to the U.S.S.R. in 1945. Among these were pupils and assistants of Professor Otto Hahn who split the atom in 1938, something that the Russians did not duplicate until well after World War II. Substantial Soviet knowledge also came from the United States and Great Britain through espionage.

But the translation of theoretical knowledge to production operations has been difficult. Plant capacity is not like that of the U.S., which could draw on her metallurgical, chemical, machine tool, electronics and transportation industries at will. Even with its assembled know-how, Russia had to do a fantastic amount of pulling and hauling to arrange the vast integrated effort that atomic weapons production requires.

When a branch of Soviet industry decides that it needs to break a specific production log jam, it can bring terrific pressure, ingenuity and material together, but this inevitably puts a sharp crimp into some other sector of the economy. Production of atomic weapons, the most complex of all industrial operations, practically precludes, however, starving any area to feed another. All areas are essential. The required integration of national industrial resources for a full scale atomic weapons program was an acid test of Soviet planners, and they did not emerge unscarred. Today three formidable bottlenecks still plague Soviet atomic industry. The shortages are (1) of fissionable material, (2) of electric power and (3) of industrial calculating and control equipment. Let's take a closer look at them.

#### RUSSIAN URANIUM SCARCE

Almost eighty known minerals contain uranium, but less than a dozen are



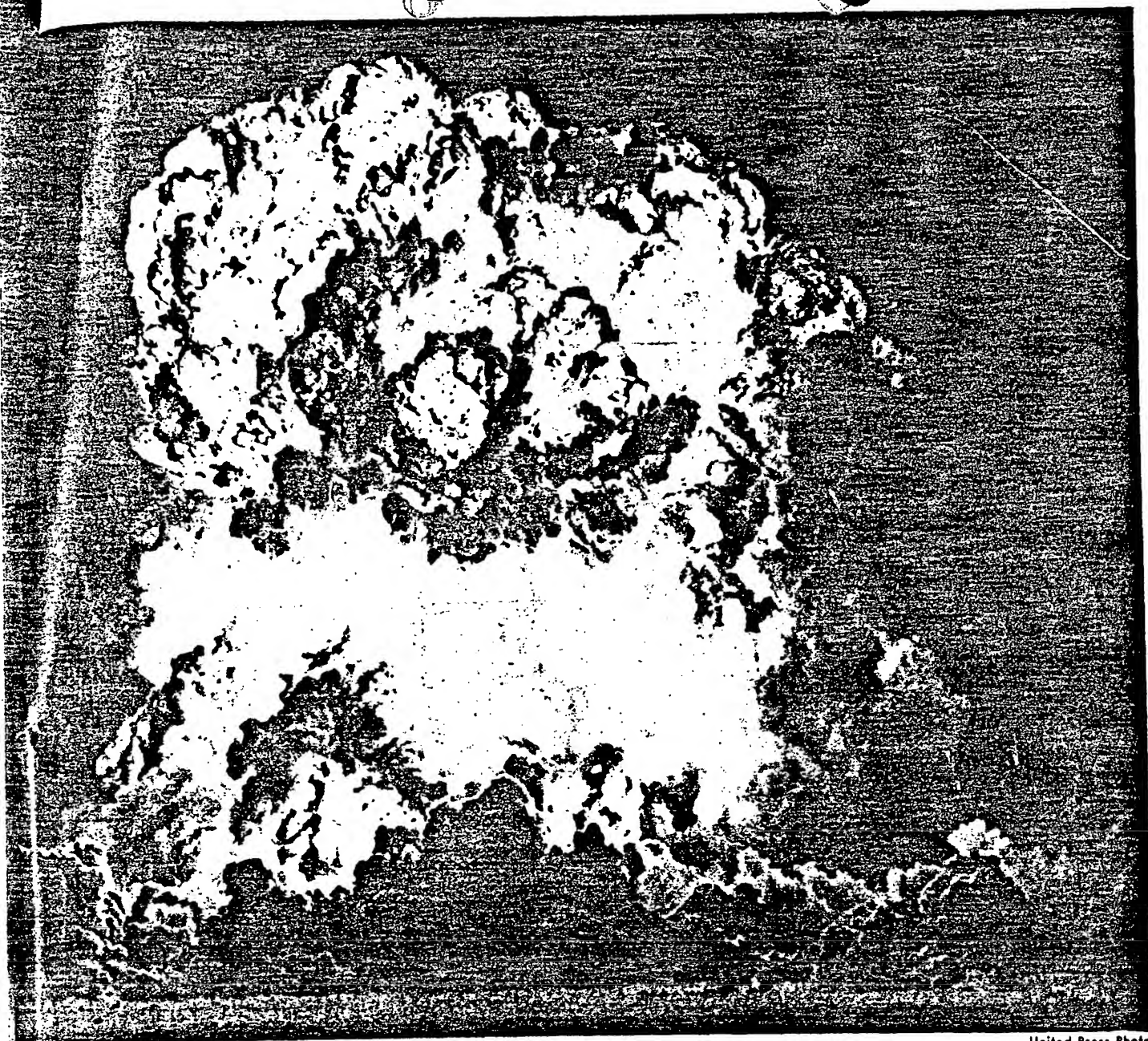
The mushroom cloud has become a symbol of U.S. have never been published, probably because successful motive is anxiety over Soviet prestige.

## Atomic Bol

abundant in the earth. For a uranium-bearing mineral to be worth mining it must at least run .2 per cent of  $U_3O_8$ . But uranium sources in Soviet Russia are lean and their geographical location unfavorable. The largest deposits are in the black shales and slates of the desert between Lake Balkhash and Afghanistan where uranium-bearing tyuyamuyunite\* lies close to the surface. But its richest form assays at best .15 per cent  $U_3O_8$ . The second important uranium-bearing

\*From Tyuya Muyun, in Turkistan. Often elided to tyuyamunite.





—United Press Photo

ic power. More than fifty atomic tests have been conducted, many with extensive publicity. Pictures of similar atomic tests in the Soviet Union have not been conducted. Communist propaganda has attempted to halt U.S. testing program, claiming "fall-out" is dangerous. Probable real

# lenecks In The Soviet Union

mineral is the kolm found in Esthonian shale.

Although the grade of uranium is good, mining and processing are costly. There are other uranium-bearing ores in the Petropavlosk region in North Kazakh (pitchblende) and in the Buryat Mongol Republic (betafite). While these deposits may be rich, they are deep and mostly of small (lens) size, rather than the larger veins. Uranium is also found in gold-bearing ores such as those of Kolyma in Northeastern Siberia, worked by slave labor, but a com-

plicated and costly reduction process renders their use economically feasible only when the uranium is a by-product. Incidentally, Soviet gold production has doubled since 1939. Soviet mining engineers recently began to exploit the molybdenum-lead-copper-uranium deposits of the Altai Mountains in East Kazakh. Here uranium concentration is very low. Finally, it is likely that China has granted Russia a long term lease on the slate and shale deposits of the Tien Shan Mountains in Sinkiang, if not over those

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by **GEORGE G. ROSU**

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that extend eastward toward the Altai Mountains.

For at least two-thirds of her uranium supply Russia will long have to depend upon East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Rumania. The wisdom of relying mainly on enslaved and dissatisfied areas of Eastern Europe for the raw materials of Soviet atomic weapons is certainly doubted by Russian leaders, but they have found no alternative. And even these deposits in the satellites are substantially inferior to any that are being mined in the West. The famous Joachimstahl pitchblende deposits in Northern Czechoslovakia have been heavily depleted, as evidenced by the number of quarries which have been abandoned over the past seven years according to Iron Curtain escapees to Western Europe. Across the border in East Germany, the best uranium-bearing deposits (bismuth, nickel and cobalt ores) have been exhausted. Soviet tech-

nicians are reported to be digging desperately below the 2,000 foot level.

The richest deposits in the whole Soviet Empire are apparently some recently discovered in Bulgaria's Kazanlyk area, but they are only limited lenses. The copper-lead-uranium mines have been intensively exploited during the last six years and will probably soon be exhausted. In the closing months of 1950 there was a sudden sharp upward revision of long-term planning behind the Iron Curtain. Primary attention was shifted to mineral activity, especially uranium and petroleum production. Satellite officials called on the people frantically to "turn the earth upside down" in their search for minerals.

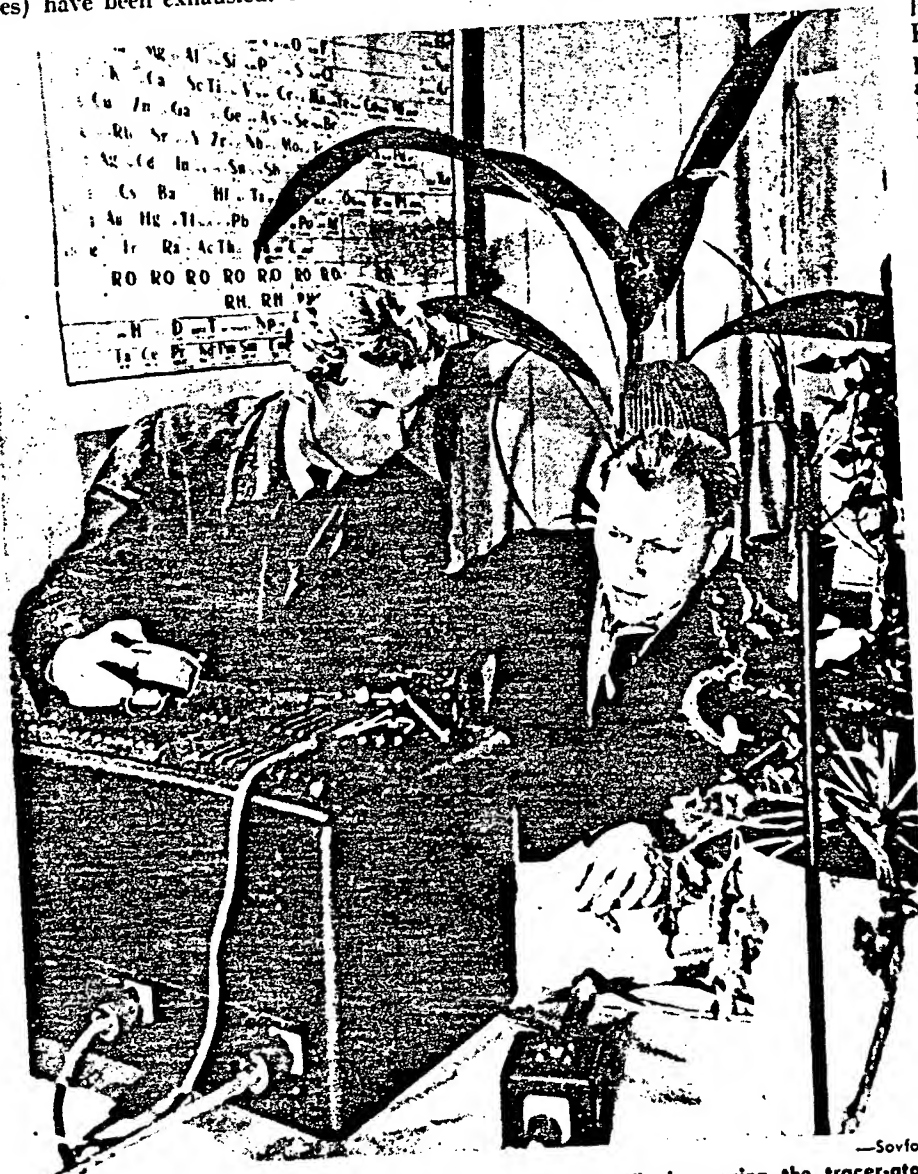
Abandoned silver-lead-copper mines in Rumania's Western Transylvania were reopened for the purpose of picking up some uranium crumbs. We learn from the Communist press that teams of satellite geologists and geophysicists are

indefatigably seeking new uranium deposits throughout the captive area. Traces may be found in Poland and Albania, but hopes of strikes in Hungary seem to be unfounded. Meanwhile flotation plants and installations for primary concentration have been built in the satellites and Soviet technicians and police have been pouring in to man them and guard them. But the high-priority construction of these ore-processing stations resulted in bottleneck number two: a persisting shortage of electric power.

Enormous quantities of electricity are needed to convert uranium ore into fissionable material. Complex diffusion plants take the biggest bite. Annual consumption in one of these plants is measured in billions of kilowatt-hours. Even if coal were abundant thermoelectric power would be ruinously expensive. Only cheap hydroelectric energy can do the job. On August 21, 1950, the Soviet Council of Ministers decided to start building a big hydroelectric station at Kuibyshev. Subsequently several other power plants, mining areas, irrigation and afforestation projects were either blueprinted or put into operation. All were later integrated into "Stalin's plan for the transformation of nature." But it turned out that the allegedly peaceful irrigation and afforestation projects were mere sugar coating that gradually melted, revealing the real goal of the program: to create enough hydroelectric power to carry out the Soviet thermonuclear project.

The most important bomb construction site right now is Moscow. The Moscow center's power comes from a remote source and so does the uranium to be processed with it. Electric energy will be supplied by two great hydroelectric plants under construction at Kuibyshev and Stalingrad, 545 and 620 miles respectively from the capital. Transmission of electric power over such great distances is uneconomical but the sacrifice is deemed necessary for the bomb project. High tension lines will carry the juice at 400,000 volts. Since neither plant will be ready before 1956, probably no Moscow hydrogen bomb assembly line can be put into operation earlier. By 1957 energy supplied to the Moscow center will attain an estimated maximum total of 5.5 to 6 billion kilowatt-hours of the 11 billion generated at those distant cities.

Work has been started on a chain of hydroelectric power plants on the Irtysh River to supply a diffusion plant near Novosibirsk with several billion kilowatt-hours annually, but not before 1958-59. The main plants are to be at Ust-Kamenogorsk, Ust-Bukhtarme and Ust-Charyshskaya, all relatively close. A third atomic center is slowly going up in the vicinity of the Urals area where two big hydroelectric plants are

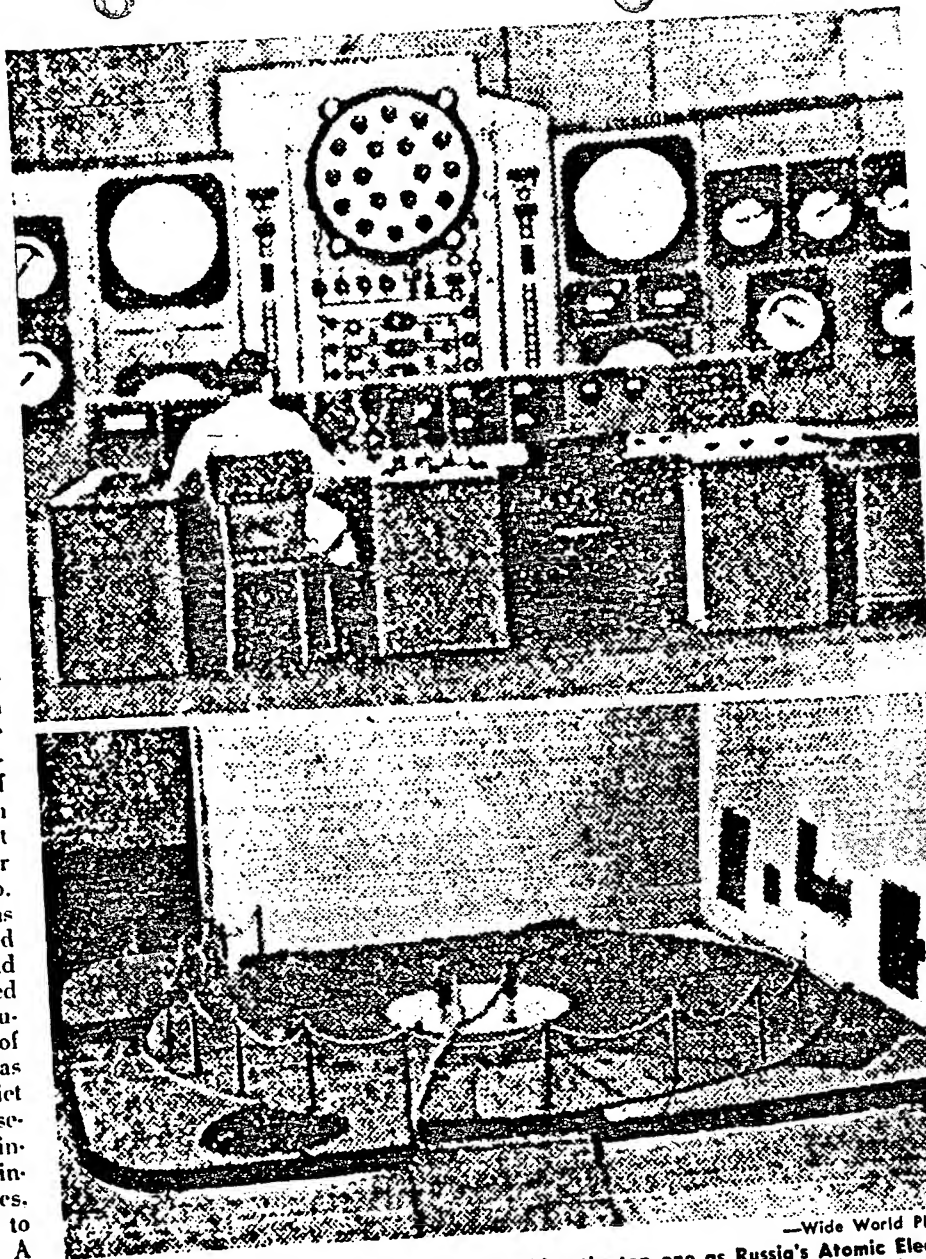


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Scientists of the Dokuchayev Agricultural Institute in Kharkov, using the tracer-atom method, have, according to Soviet claim, established the speed with which the leaves of plants absorb fertilizers. Periodic table of elements in background is universally-used scheme developed originally by Russian scientist of Czarist Age, D. I. Mendeleev.

being built, one on the Kama River, other on the Volga. A fourth center slowly taking shape at Alma-Ata to process uranium from the Kirghiz and Tadjik Republics and Sinkiang. Its hydroelectric plant drawing power from adjacent rivers had almost been completed there. A fifth atomic center is being built near Irkutsk, a region with low-freezing temperatures for six months of the year. Construction of a power plant was started here in 1949. Ten pumps and compressors were provided by the dismantling program in East Germany. The power station now being put up is no giant. But the government plans to develop on the Angara River, probably after 1957, the Soviets' largest hydroelectric plant.

Ex-premier Malenkov's new assignment as minister to electric power indicates the importance of a new power program: treble the U.S.S.R.'s electric power output in the next ten years. It is now 112.5 billion kilowatt-hours per year (1951). In the same year the U.S. electric power output was 520 billion kilowatt-hours of which the Atomic Energy Commission took a 4 per cent bite. By 1956 that will be upped to a whopping 13 per cent and total output will be greater also. No thermonuclear or atomic weapons progress is imaginable without the aid of electronic calculating equipment and the various specialized instruments used for measuring and controlling manufacturing processes. The production of these — bottleneck number three — was beyond the means of postwar Soviet technology and plant capacity. Consequently all laboratories and research institutes were divested of precision instruments and calculating devices, mostly of foreign origin, in order to prepare the first atomic explosion. A tremendous effort has since been made to bridge the gap. In the early postwar years Soviet atomic industry was so desperately short of electronic calculating equipment that no attempt to set up a native industry seemed worthwhile, because of the time element. The burden of producing the equipment was loaded, in large part, on the satellites, especially the Siemens-Schukert plant in East Berlin.

To get into the thermonuclear weapons realm a huge complex of electronic calculating equipment and industrial control devices are required. Their lack in the Soviet Union cost Russian atomic progress several precious years. Executives of the Emil Greiner Company, one of the leading producers and developers of scientific tools for industry in America, say the United States is at least ten years ahead of any other country when it comes to instruments designed to do a faster or more precise job in numerous new manufacturing processes.



—Wide World Photos  
"Pravda" released these two pictures describing the top one as Russia's Atomic Electric Power Station, and the lower one as the roped-off top of atomic reactor which is embedded in concrete. Diameter of reactor top is probably around twenty-five feet.

In an article published in *Izvestia* last May, Soviet Academician A. Berg claimed with what can be termed a shout of joy, that Russia now possesses "the electronic miracle machines," that they occupy hundreds of square meters and that Russia had to "purchase them at a very high price." What Academician Berg did not say was that the celebration was made possible by the work of abducted German scientists and the industrial capacity of the satellite countries. And the achievements that prompted Berg's glee probably sufficed only to take Soviet atomic technicians to the threshold of H-bomb production. New advances bring new problems and due to the Soviet orbit's limited electronics plant capacity, Soviet atomic science may again be held back by the calculating equipment and precision instrument bottleneck.

The general consensus of experts is that Soviet atomic weapons production is still a fraction of that of the U.S.—perhaps one-tenth. The Soviet nuclear weapons program is being maximally expedited, and it would be dangerous folly to underestimate Russian strength in this domain. But despite a four year hiatus in serious U.S. thermonuclear activity (1946-1950), Soviet atomic and hydrogen progress cannot compare with what has been done here. The hard fact is that in 1955 the U.S.S.R.'s responsible atomic energy officials have still not opened up the three major bottlenecks. And the strain of their atomic effort has been so great that even nine years after the war Malenkov's feeble effort to abate the famine of consumer goods had to be disavowed publicly.



# Where Is the Soviet Sandia?

A sound estimate of Soviet atomic power is essential to sound U.S. policy. The common assumption to date has been represented by Robert Oppenheimer's famous comparison of the U.S. and the Soviet Union to "two scorpions in a bottle," and has led to President Eisenhower's formula for surrender—"there is no alternative to peace."

There are, however, alternatives to the assumption that the Soviet Union is genuinely competitive with the U.S. in atomic power. George G. Rosu's account (pp. 32-33) is a rare but impressive article of corroboration of the thesis propounded in 1953 by Medford Evans. The contrasting view of Henry J. Taylor is presented on page 39.

## Chapter II from *The Secret War for the A-Bomb* \* by MEDFORD EVANS

There has been very little unequivocal truth spoken about atomic energy since 1945. This is due to

(1) The natural difficulty of getting a complex subject straight,

(2) Positive elements of deception introduced into the discussion for partisan reasons, most notably by Soviet agents, and

(3) Well intended notions of giving the public what is thought to be good for it from the point of view of some kind of social psychiatry, instead of the best available approximation of the facts, complete with indications of probable error.

### THE TRUMAN HERESY

The classic illustration of the reliability of official U.S. releases was given by Harry S. Truman in January 1953, just one week to the day after he left the White House.

"I am not convinced," the ex-President told an INS reporter in Kansas City—"I am not convinced the Russians have achieved the know-how to put the complicated mechanism together to make an A-bomb work. I am not convinced they have the bomb."

*Newsweek* (February 9, 1953) headlined this: "'Ground Zero' in Kansas City; Harry Truman Drops an A-Bomb," and indeed it was a catastrophe for supporters of the official propaganda line. AEC Chairman Dean, Senator Hickenlooper, and President Eisenhower immediately issued statements of contradictory import. This was necessary but almost irrelevant. The news was not that Harry Truman doubted the Russian A-bomb; the news was that Harry Truman doubted the Russian A-bomb. And there was, of course, nothing that Dean or Hickenlooper or Eisenhower could do about that.

The whole affair was like the apostasy of an archbishop. The lowliest

vicar is shaken by the repercussions, no matter how demonstrably in error the apostate may be.

It had been Truman who, speaking officially, had startled the world in September 1949 with an announcement of an "atomic explosion" in the U.S.S.R. The credibility of that announcement depended almost entirely on the assumption that the President of the United States, in such a matter, could not be mistaken and would not be deceptive. To question the statement was to imply the fallibility of the White House—understanding that the whole executive bureaucratic process is involved, not just the integrity and judgment of one man.

To understand calmly the gravity of Truman's offense, one must understand that upon the dogma promulgated in September 1949—the dogma that the Russians had contrived an atomic explosion and, as a corollary, had an atomic energy project of their own—were based:

(1) the justification of a great expansion of the American program of atomic production, and

(2) the cautiously but persistently advanced inference that the American program of "internal security" had been unsuccessful in the past and would be largely an unnecessary impediment in the future.

These propositions were summarized under the slogan "Security by Achievement rather than Security by Concealment," or simply "Security by Achievement."

Much has been staked on this doctrine. It justifies enormous expenditures for the production of fissionable materials, and reckless candor in publication policy. The latter is permitted and the former required by the assumption that the Russians are going great guns in their own atomic energy project.

The slogan "Security by Achievement" appears to have been first introduced into public discussion by Senator

Brien McMahon in the summer of 1946.<sup>1</sup> It received fresh impetus when the Majority Report of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy—published in 1949, three weeks after the Truman announcement of the first Russian explosion—gave an adverse judgment on Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper's "incredible mismanagement" charges against the then AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal.<sup>2</sup> At the same time the Congress loosened the purse strings to permit acceleration of the AEC expansion program. (Meanwhile, however, certain enthusiasts for "Security by Achievement" fought tooth and nail in a rear guard action to delay incorporation of hydrogen-bomb development into the plans for Achievement.)

"Security by Achievement" is, of course, spurious rhetoric. There is no more real conflict between "Achievement" and "Concealment" as means of "Security" than there is between the accelerator and the brake as means of secure control of an automobile. Yet this rhetoric—with its implied false dichotomy—was adopted, though the logical ambiguity had been pointed out in an AEC staff memorandum as far back as the summer of 1948. (The author of that memo was later released by "reduction in force" in spite of the "expanding program," and "the difficulty of getting good men in Government.") Should I be asked point blank: "Are you implying that he was let go because of that memo?" I should have to reply that obviously the thought had occurred to me, but all I am sure of is that AEC was unfortunate to lose his services, since he was an able man.)

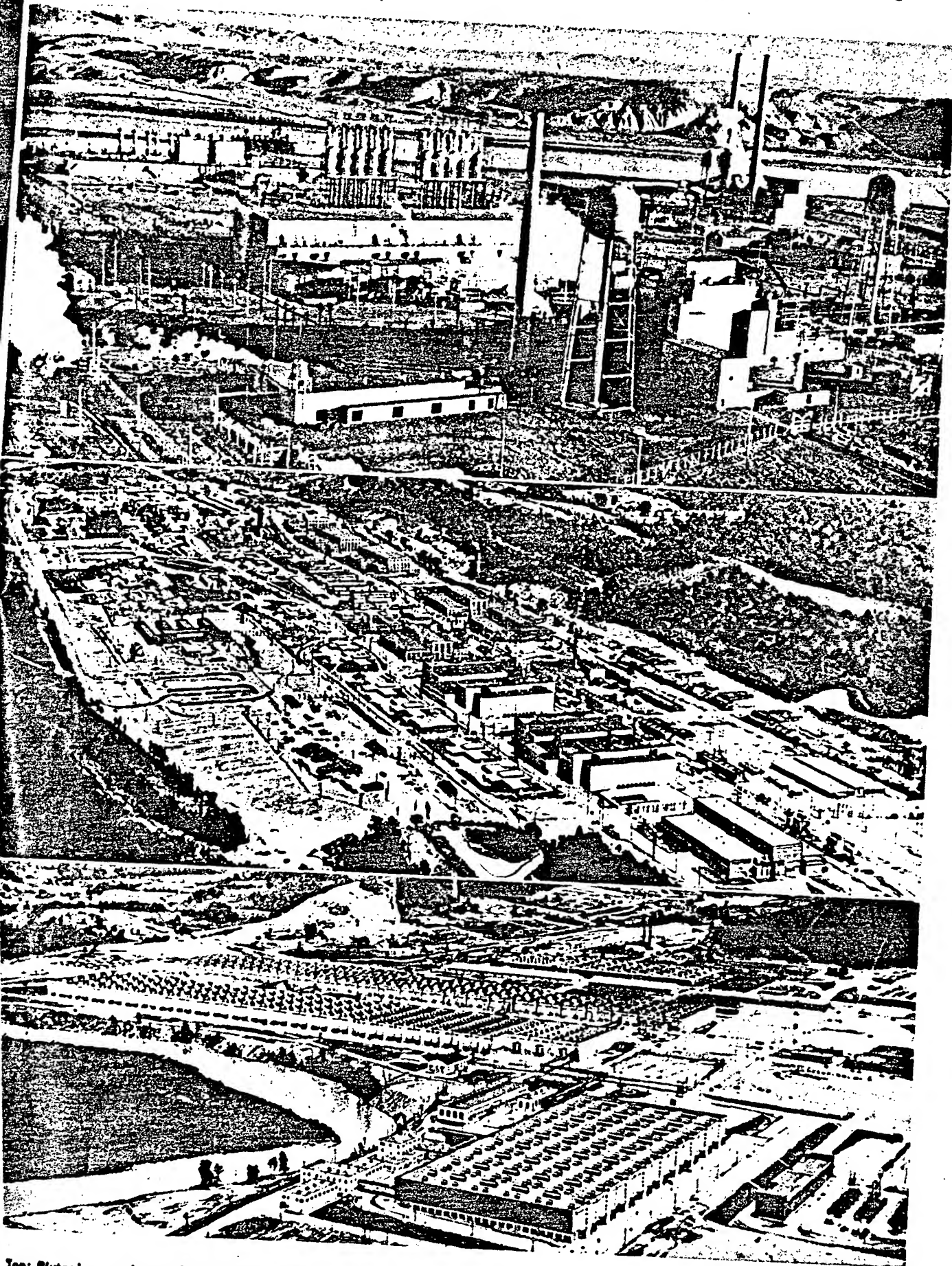
Naturally, the doctrine of "Security  
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<sup>1</sup> *Congressional Record*, Vol. 92, Part 7, p. 6082.

<sup>2</sup> *Investigation into the United States Atomic Energy Project, Report of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy* (hereinafter cited as *Investigation Report*), released October 13, 1949 (Government Printing Office, 1949), pp. 7-11.

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Top: Plutonium works at Richland, Wash. Center: Historic Y-12 plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., where material for Hiroshima bomb was used. Bottom: Fabulous K-25, jackpot process for U-235, duplicated at Paducah, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio. Similar pictures of these plants have never been published, probably because no such plants exist.

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by Achievement"—backed by the threat of Russian competition—gained strength daily so long as the fallacious nature of its context was not exposed, for in itself it makes the strongest kind of appeal to an aggressively industrial nation. There is in fact absolutely nothing wrong with such a doctrine so long as it is not used to exclude or obscure the vital importance of the complementary kind of security represented by prudent concealment and firm exploitation of whatever monopolistic advantages the United States may have achieved or been granted.

True achievement does not consist of energetically bailing water with a sieve.

A painfully pertinent point is that when Achievement is emphasized not in connection with but at the expense of Concealment, you get an industrial and scientific complex which, being ever larger and looser, is ever more readily infiltrated and milked of the information and materials peculiar to its processes.

More of that in Chapter Four. Meanwhile, what of the credibility of Truman's statement, "I am not convinced they have the bomb"? Will it be all right to examine that on its merits?

I know that in a race you ought to "run scared"; so perhaps we should not do or say anything to lower the common estimate of Russian capabilities, on the ground that it is good for us to believe the Russians are breathing hot on our necks.

How about trying to get the facts straight? There is probably quite enough to be scared about. But wouldn't it be silly, and dangerous, to be scared of the wrong thing?

I submit that the story of Russian competition in atomic energy doesn't stand up very well, even under such an amateur analysis as I can give it. The following historical notes about Russian industry would probably be stipulated, as the lawyers say, by most persons interested in this kind of discussion:

#### FACTS ON SOVIET INDUSTRY

1. When the Communists took over in 1917, Russian industry, always backward by Western standards, was badly disorganized as a result of the traumatic experiences of World War I. Four years later the situation was worse. Sir Bernard Pares says that "According to Rykov, Commissar for Industry, factory output had fallen by 85 per cent. and what was produced was looted by the workers, and the plant to boot."<sup>3</sup> This was 1921. "We are a backward country," said Lenin in the fall of 1922 (according to Valeriu Marcu); "...our technical efficiency is next to nothing."<sup>4</sup>

2. Russian industrialization began with the first Five-Year Plan, in 1928. At that time, while the United States

was producing 5,000,000 automobiles a year, there were in Russia, according to T. Zavalani, Albanian-born graduate of the Marxist-Leninist academy in Leningrad, "no traditions of mechanical production and technical management of a big-scale modern industry."<sup>5</sup>

Nineteen twenty-eight!

Frederick W. Taylor started "scientific management" in America in 1889. Or so they tell me. I can't remember that far back. But I can remember 1928 well enough.

"The Plan," says Pares, "had almost to start from scratch."<sup>6</sup> No wonder that if you take 1928 as a base year you can plot trends and cite percentages which during the succeeding five years make the Soviet Union look good. It had nowhere to go but up.

The American Depression began one year later. The Depression was a trying



—Wide World Photo  
Leningrad industrial worker

time, but the Okies went to California by automobile.

3. Obviously the first Five-Year Plan and the second and the others represent work and the work had results. Russia in 1938 must have been a formidable industrial power, compared to the Russia of 1928, or compared to India or Afghanistan. But, as a student of baseball might say, it is not just where you stand in the league, it's what league you're in.

Possibly the most dramatically successful program of the Russians was that of "electrification." The Dnieper Dam in 1937 had 600,000 kilowatts capacity, or almost one-fourth the capacity of the Grand Coulee today. Yet with this fabulous advance the Russian output of 36.4 billion kilowatt-hours in the great Soviet year 1937 was about one third that of the United States in the terrible Depression year 1937.<sup>7</sup>

4. In 1941 the Germans blew up the Dnieper Dam. That is only one of the things that happened to Soviet industry during World War II. Total destruction by the Germans, and by the Russians themselves in their "scorched-earth" pol-

icy of retreat, has been estimated by the Soviets themselves (according to Zavalani) at about a third of the existing capital. The devastated area originally contained two thirds of the heavy industry.<sup>8</sup>

Much has been made of transfers beyond the Urals, but it is hard to think this can have been very efficient considering how transportation is always a bottleneck in the vast Russian land mass, with one fourth the U.S. railway mileage to serve double the U.S. area, and no help from the highway system worth speaking of in the same breath with U.S. highways.

5. Since World War II there has no doubt been much reconstruction under the fourth Five-Year Plan. And a great amount of goods has no doubt been imported into the Soviet Union from Germany—although there is considerable doubt as to what shape it was in when it got to its destination, or what productive use was made of it.

At a Cabinet luncheon on April 28, 1947, General George C. Marshall, then Secretary of State, reported on a Moscow conference as follows: "Two underlying motifs ran through all the conversations with the Russians—first, money, and second, reparations out of Germany, i.e., in terms of production . . . The Russians have found that the taking of physical assets does not get them the result they want in terms of goods. [Italics added.] Even taking of management personnel with the plants does not suffice because the trained labor is not available in Russia."<sup>9</sup>

This, from the Soviet point of view, is a sort of bleak picture, don't you think?

In any case the results of reparation and reconstruction combined seem to have left much to be desired as far as putting the Soviet Union in a seriously competitive position with the United States is concerned. For a particularly important example, the Soviet Union's planned electrical production for 1950 was 82 billion kilowatt-hours.<sup>10</sup> This is indeed well over double the Soviet production of 1937, but it is still only about a fourth the U.S. production for 1950.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Bernard Pares, *Russia* (Copyright, by the New American Library of World Literature, Inc.), p. 66.

<sup>4</sup> Valeriu Marcu, *Lenin* (Macmillan, 1928), p. 394.

<sup>5</sup> T. Zavalani, *How Strong Is Russia?* (Frederick A. Praeger, 1952), p. 10.

<sup>6</sup> Pares, *op. cit.*, p. 89.

<sup>7</sup> The capacity of the Dnieper Dam and the Soviet electrical energy output are from Zavalani, *op. cit.*, p. 13 and p. 57 respectively. Grand Coulee capacity is given in the 1953 *World Almanac*, p. 185. U.S. output is interpolated from a table in the 1953 *World Almanac*, p. 483.

<sup>8</sup> Zavalani, *op. cit.*, pp. 142-43.

<sup>9</sup> *The Forrestal Diaries*, edited by Walter Millis (Viking, 1951), p. 266.

<sup>10</sup> Zavalani, *op. cit.*, p. 147.

<sup>11</sup> 1953 *World Almanac*, p. 483.

# Expert's High Rating of Soviet Industry

Mr. Taylor's testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee July 8, 1954, during hearings on "Strategy and Tactics of World Communism."

Gentlemen of the Senate:

This subcommittee is dealing with a subject very dear to my heart. I appreciate your invitation to appear before you and I would be very grateful were it possible for me to make even the smallest contribution to your considerations.

I note your chairman's remark during an earlier testimony on June 10, that "the Communist conspiracy in the United States is only one tentacle of a world-wide octopus which has as its principal target the United States of America."

May I suggest that one of the other tentacles is the Soviet potential through East-West trade from the Soviet point of view.

We read about a new treaty nearly every day, made by England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Sweden, Norway—countries that not long ago thought and feared that by now they might be at war with the Soviet Union.

Top Red economic commissars in the Gosplan Bureau, which controls the nation's entire economy, back up the Soviet Foreign Office in greeting visiting treaty-makers and European businessmen who follow close behind; such as the thirty-three British businessmen who recently arrived in special Soviet airline planes.

This, of itself, brought about the biggest burst of Anglo-Soviet business ac-



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tivity ever known in the Russian capital; directors and technicians of twelve British firms negotiating with five Soviet trading agencies. And what these buyers have found in Moscow has made their eyes pop with wonder.

The Official Soviet memorandum they received from Gosplan's Central Statistical Board listed things now in good supply in the Soviet Union. The list makes amazing—and thought-provoking—reading:

Oil, iron, manganese ore, gasoline, kerosene, aluminum, large boilers, diesel engines, roller and ball bearings, syn-

thetic rubber, chemicals, dyes—and mountains of wheat and tea.

Take oil, for example. Russia was supposed to be pinched for oil. Yet Russia is selling petroleum products freely to Finland and two of the British merchants were able to sign a series of five contracts to buy three and a quarter million dollars' worth of high-grade Russian refined oil products the first day they arrived. The British negotiators said they were buying 100 thousand tons of these products mainly (interestingly enough) for resale in European markets.

In turn, the Gosplan chiefs bought fifty thousand tons of refined sugar from another Britisher, the biggest such sale in more than twenty years. Had she wished, Russia could have bought this from her satellite states. Several are exporting sugar. And after the contracts were signed the British merchant asked the Gosplan man the equivalent of "How come?" "Trade, not aid," he answered in unsmiling parody of our free-world slogan.

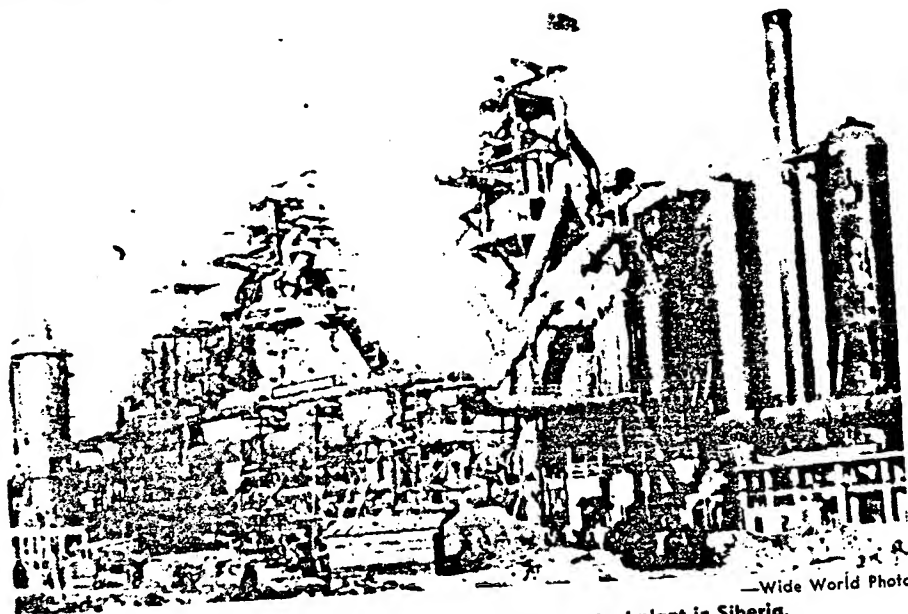
The delegation from Paris announced that Russia's buying under a six-months-old French trade agreement would now be increased. Greek, Argentine, Swiss, Swedish, Norwegian and Italian delegations have made similar announcements, or new treaties, since Malenkov took over. In Zurich Swiss international bankers estimated to me that more than twenty thousand freight cars of materials from Italy alone have found their way behind the Iron Curtain in recent months.

Like the bells on the pigeons of mythical Shangri-La, the siren song of Soviet trade, backed up by Soviet gold, sounds sweet in Europe's ears, especially with American subsidies and aid declining. But the bells should be ringing out a warning.

Right now, Russia, buying at high prices, looks good. Beyond that, West-East trade looks so good (and profitable) that it obscures the fateful prospect of what will happen when giant Russia, already consolidated, turns into a seller of many products Europe makes today.

Products, you say? We laugh at most Russian products we see illustrated; and certainly what is being handed to Soviet civilians is of mighty low order. But come with me for a moment to Finland. It was there I had my first awakening to what the Russians can produce when they want to.

With three Finnish Army reconnaissance scouts I was traveling along the



—Wide World Photo

A Russian blast furnace under construction at a steel plant in Siberia.



Russian frontier in the Arctic forests. A Russian patrol passed and paused on its side of the boundary.

Now, Russian-made radio sets for civilian entertainment are fully as jerry-built, shoddy and primitive as we imagine. Yet here stood that Red Army patrol communicating with its command post over a Russian-made military walkie-talkie as good as any to be seen anywhere in Europe or America.

In Helsinki the Chief of Staff of the Finnish Army, hardly a man to overestimate anything Russian, confirmed to me that the quality of Russia's military radios, radar stations, complicated army communication layouts and devices is excellent in workmanship and design, and amazingly abundant.

The Red civilian automobile, the Probed, the "people's automobile," is a notorious dud; so is the civilian Moskvitch car. Both are poorly made and collapse quickly. Yet Russian-made military trucks are solidly built and efficient. So are Soviet tanks.

Russian civilian ironwork is crude and clumsy. Yet Russian-made artillery of the most intricate type is the equal today of any in the world. It laid down barrages on us in Korea heavier than any we encountered from the Germans in the last war.

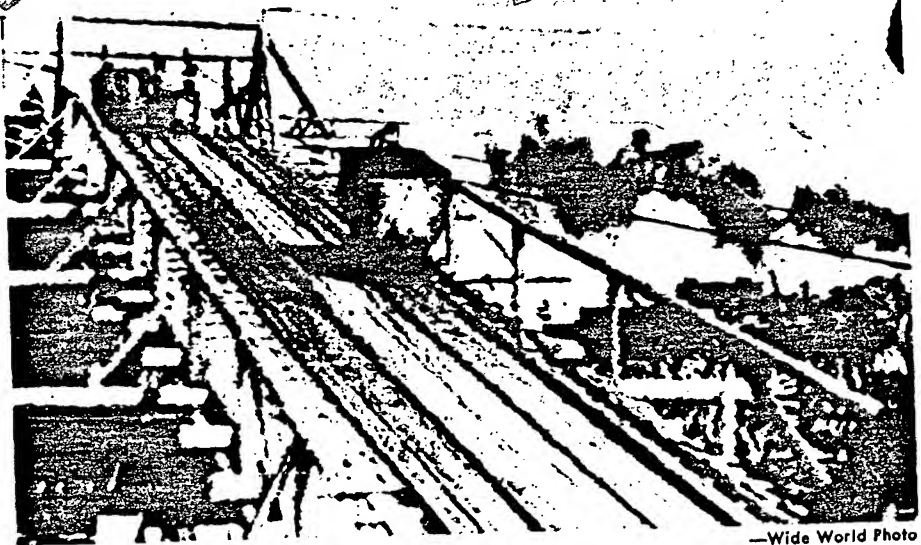
"When the Russians concentrate on getting something done," Finland's Chief of Staff explained, "it's clear to us that they can get it done—done surprisingly well."

Under Stalin they simply concentrated on military output, that's all. And of course there remain numerous bottlenecks and woes obstructing Russia's productivity under Malenkov. But when they concentrate on consumers' goods, watch out!

For that is the key to the Red mystery of the East: concentration. They concentrated on jet airplanes, made a lot of them, and good ones. They concentrated on artillery, made a lot of it, and good artillery. They concentrated on tanks, made a lot of them, and good tanks. They concentrated on intricate radar interception devices, and ended up with a warning network far more extensive and fully as efficient as ours.

The giant consolidated nation that can do these things can make an awful lot of alarm clocks and whatnot any time it wants to and sell them—or barter them—cheaper than Europe can imagine today.

Americans, above all others, should respect that word "consolidated." While Western Europe is still chopped up into some eighteen separate nations, walled off from each other by barbed-wire entanglements of tariffs, currencies, cartels, etc., the Soviets have constructed a vast unified trade area bigger than any-



Russian coal mines in the Donets Basin

—Wide World Photo

thing the world has ever seen. It stretches from Berlin to Shanghai. It includes Russia and all its satellites, comprising some 700 million people. Think what that means in terms of both the economics and the economies of mass production, with unlimited and unrestricted access to raw materials and to markets. Even our own United (forty-eight) States are small in comparison.

Both as a buyer and a seller of consumer goods this vast Soviet trade area can have an overpowering political effect on a divided Europe. As in the Nazi era, markets can be wiped out through the dumping of Russian products. Or conversely, Soviet orders can be switched about from country to country in such a way as to produce crisis, unemployment, and political upheaval within those countries.

The grim and inescapable fact is that there has been enormous industrial and technical progress in the Soviet Union since the war; stupendous by Russian standards and enormous even by our own.

Considering Europe only, there are two population blocs exactly the same size. Western Europe is a disunified grouping of 200 million people. The Soviet Union has 200 million people all its own, completely unified. Russia already produces three-fifths as much steel as all Western Europe and more than half as much coal and electricity. But it is the rate of acceleration, the high speed, in the overtaking of Western Europe by Russia that counts the most.

Britain, for example, as largest coal producer, still has not recovered her prewar coal output. She now plans to increase it twenty million tons a year by the end of the next twelve years. Russia has increased her annual coal production forty million tons since 1950.

Western European steelmakers, even with Marshall Plan aid, have increased annual capacity only eight million tons

since the war. The Russians have added twice that capacity since the war and are building mills to double today's total capacity by 1960. It is estimated that by 1965 Russia will equal or surpass all Western Europe in basic industrial production.

Further, much of this output is coming from new, and therefore, modern, machines; and the evil Communist system, of course, contains its own built-in labor supply. Even aside from slave labor, such as at Dalstroy, general manpower is unlimited—and pitifully cheap. Actually the Russian workman is taught that it is patriotic to be exploited for the motherland.

This, then, is the accelerating power for commercial aggression and world upheaval contained in that peasant race now emerging in the industrial age.

It was fear of the dangers and unimaginable horrors of another war, coming from Russia, that aroused and pressed Western Europe toward quarantining this aggressor, its satellites, and its appendages like Red China, by measures both military and economic. Fear is the chief cement which has bound those quarantine efforts together. But as Malenkov holds out the cat-bait of "peace" and fear recedes, the will is weakened, the cement crumbles, the quarantine edifice tends to fall. In fact, the incredible idea seems to take its place: that the way to make communism fail is to help it to succeed.

In the long run, I do not see how the dangers in ignoring the results can be underestimated if Western Europe's employment is to be protected, her standard of living preserved and her very life itself defended against the newly competitive Soviet Union that is to come.

For our part, I assume that everything we do in national policy will be dedicated to combating the fallacious idea that the way to make communism fail is to help it to succeed.



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Sedalia	KSGM**	980	To be announced
Springfield	KDRO†	1490	Mon 8:30 p
Trenton	KSIS†	1050	To be announced
	KICK†	1340	Mon 8:30 p
	KTTN**	1600	Sun 5:30 p

<b>MONTANA</b>			
Anaconda	KANA*	1230	To be announced
Billings	KGHL*	790	Thurs 7:30 p
Bozeman	KNLQ*	1230	Sat 9:00 p
	KNLQ*	1230	Sat 9:00 p
	KNLF*	1370	Sat 9:00 p
Butte	KNLF**	1370	To be announced
	KNLF-TV**	6	Sun 9:45 p
	KNLF-TV**	6	Wed 7:00 p
Glendive	KXGN*	1400	Sun 6:15 p
Great Falls	KNLQ*	1400	Sat 9:00 p
	KNLQ*	1400	To be announced
Haure	KOJM†	610	Mon 7:30 p
	KOJM†	610	Thurs 7:30 p
Helen	KNLJ*	1240	Sat 9:00 p
	KCAP†	1340	Mon 7:30 p
	KCAP†	1340	Thurs 7:30 p
	KNLJ*	1240	To be announced
Lewiston	KNLQ*	1230	Mon 7:30 p
	KPRK†	1340	Thurs 7:30 p
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Miles City	KATL†	1340	Mon 7:30 p
	KATL†	1340	Thurs 7:30 p
Missoula	KNLL*	1450	Sat 9:00 p
	KNLL*	1450	To be announced
	KGVO-TV**	13	Fri 9:30 p
	KGVO-TV**	13	Sun 8:00 p
Shelby	KIYH†	1230	Mon 7:30 p
	KIYH†	1230	Thurs 7:30 p
Sidney	KGCN†	1480	Mon 7:30 p
	KGCN†	1480	Thurs 7:30 p

<b>NEBRASKA</b>			
Chadron	KCSR**	To be announced	
Hastings	KHAS†	1230	Mon 8:30 p
	KHAS†	1230	Thurs 8:30 p
Lincoln	KLMS*	1480	Sun 6:15 p
McCook	KBRLL†	1450	Mon 8:30 p
	KBRLL†	1450	Thurs 8:30 p
Norfolk	WJAG**	780	Sat 10:15 a
Omaha	KFAB*	1110	Sun 12:15 p
Scottsbluff	KNEB†	960	Mon 7:30 p

<b>NEVADA</b>			
Reno	KZTV-TV*	8	To be announced

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>			
Manchester	WMUR-TV**	9	To be announced

<b>NEW JERSEY</b>			
Atlantic City	WLDB**	1490	Sun 4:30 p
	WLDB**	1490	Sun
Millville	WMLV**	1400	
Pleasantville	WOND**		
South Orange	WSOU-FM**	978	
	WSOU-FM**	205	

<b>NEW MEXICO</b>			
Albuquerque	KABQ†	1540	Thurs 7:30 p
Clayton	KLMA*	1450	Tues 6:30 p
Farmington	KVBC*	1240	
Hobbs	KWEW†	1490	Mon 7:30 p
Las Vegas	KFUN†	1230	Thurs 7:30 p
	KFUN†	1230	Thurs 7:30 p
Portales	KENM*	1450	Fri 6:30 p
Roswell	KSWB-TV*	8	Sun 2:30 p

<b>NEW YORK</b>			
Albany	WITR†	1540	Mon 9:30 p
	WITR†	1540	Thurs 9:30 p
Amsterdam	WCBS*	1490	
Auburn	WMBO†	1340	Mon 9:30 p
	WMBO†	1340	Thurs 9:30 p
Binghamton	WKOP†	1360	Mon 9:30 p
Bronx	WFUV-FM*	90.7	Wed 10:15 a
Buffalo	WKXA*	1060	Sun 9:30 a
Elmira	WTVE-TV*	24	Fri 7:30 p
Kingston	WKNY-TV*	66	Sat 9:30 p
Malone	WICY†	1490	Thurs 9:30 p
	WICY†	710	Sat 6:15 p
New York	WOR†	710	Sat 1:30 p
	WOR†	710	Mon 9:30 p
	WOR†	710	Thurs 7:30 p
North Albany	WROW-TV**	41	Fri 9:00 p
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Plattsburg	WHYY†	1340	Mon 9:30 p
Port Jervis	WDLC*	1490	Wed 7:00 p
Watertown	WATN†	1240	Mon 9:30 p
	WATN†	1240	Thurs 9:30 p

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>			
Asheboro	WGWR*	1260	Tues 6:45 p
Asheville	WWNC*	570	Sat 6:30 p
Asheville	WLOS-TV**	13	
	WLOS-TV**	13	
Belmont	WCCG*	1270	
	WCCG*	1270	
Burlington	WHBH*	920	Sun 1:00 p
Charlotte	WBT*	1110	Sun 5:30 p
	WBT*	930	Thurs 9:30 p
Concord	WSTP*	1410	Wed 10:00 a
Elizabeth City	WENC†	1240	Mon 9:30 p
	WENC†	1240	Thurs 9:30 p
Forrest City	WBBO*	780	
	WBBO*	780	Sun 5:30 p
Gastonia	WBTG*	1370	Sun 12:45 p
Greensboro	WBNC*	1470	Sun 12:30 p
Henderson	WHNC†	890	Mon 9:30 p
Hendersonville	WHKP*	1450	Tues 8:00 p
Hickory	WHKY*	1290	Tues 7:30 p
	WIRC*	630	

## What they're saying ...



## about FACTS FORUM

Your letter of recent date anent one of mine in the "Public Pulse" column of the *Omaha World-Herald* at hand. In reply I wish to tell you I am pleased to note that my personal opinion of what is going on in national legislative circles at Washington was worthy of your notice.... I always listen to your Sunday program.... and appreciate the unbiased way you present both sides of every question...

MRS. LIDA TRINE  
Red Cloud, Neb.

I have really enjoyed reading both sides of the news. I have been looking for something like your magazine for some time, and I am certainly happy that I found it.

H. LARRY INGLE  
P. O. Box 1007, Wake Forest, N. C.

In closing, I wish to commend Facts Forum for this wonderful enlightening service it is performing for the American people. As the Apostle John said, "the truth shall make you free."

CHARLES DICKENS  
417 S. Cypress, Roswell, N. M.

... It's the greatest American magazine the American people can buy for the money.  
MRS. LAURA A. MILNE  
Marblehead, Ohio

This Facts Forum program certainly keeps the public informed of national affairs. I have learned things I didn't know from this program and am amazed at them.  
MRS. H. V. SKARIE  
P. O. Box 415, Whitehall, Montana

I would like to subscribe to the *Facts Forum News*. I appreciate the traditional American spirit in which you are conducting your coverage of our serious problems in the United States. As you know, it is hard to find any newspaper or magazine truly dedicated to the fight against communism. Slanted news coverage can always be had.

WILLIAM MARTIN SMITH  
Salt Point Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

All the films I requested have been shown to a good percentage of the student body here at Slippery Rock. The films were all very well received and many remarks were exchanged. Discussion groups were formed after the movies were shown to discuss the pros and cons of the various issues presented. ... I would appreciate it very much if you would add my name to your permanent mailing list so that I may continue receiving your publications and film lists.

FRANK J. LAMPING  
1834 Overbeck St.  
North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Smoot... I think your presentation ... almost disturbing... to think that one voice could present both sides so convincingly... It is heartening to have a TV program presenting both sides of a subject.  
MRS. CHARLES G. BANCERT  
Enderlin, N. D.

<b>NORTH CAROLINA—Continued</b>			
High Point	WNOS**	1590	Sun 8:00 p
Jacksonville	WNOS*	1590	Sun
Kings Mountain	WJNC†	1240	Mon 9:30 p
	WKMT*	1220	
Leaksville	WLOE†	1490	Mon 9:30 p
	WLOE†	1490	Thurs 9:30 p
Lenoir	WJRI†	1340	Mon 9:30 p
	WJRI†	1340	Thurs 9:30 p
Lexington	WBUT**	1450	Thurs 7:30 p
Mt. Airy	WPAQ*	740	Sun 1:15 p
New Bern	WHIT†	1450	Mon 9:30 p
Raleigh	WNAO-TV*	28	Tues 10:00 p
	WPTF*	680	Sun 1:15 p
	WRAL†	1240	Mon 9:30 p
	WRNO*	1490	
Roxboro	WSAT*	1280	Wed 8:00 p
Salisbury	WSTP†	1490	Mon 9:30 p
Sanford	WWGP*	1050	
	WWGP*	1050	
Stateville	WSIC†	1400	Mon 9:30 p
Wallace	WISE†	1400	Mon 9:30 p
Washington	WHED*	1340	Wed 9:30 p
Wilmington	WGNH†	1340	Mon 9:30 p
	WMFD-TV**	6	Sun 8:00 p

<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>			
Devils Lake	KDLR†	1240	Mon 8:30 p
Dixinson	KDIX**	1230	
Fargo	WDAY-TV*	6	Sun 4:00 p
	WDAY-TV*	alternating	Sun 4:30 p
Hettinger	KNDC*	1490	Sun 4:30 p
Minot	KLPM†	1390	Thurs 8:30 p
Valley City	KOVCT	1490	Mon 8:30 p

<b>OHIO</b>			
Ashtabula	WICA**	970	Sat 8:00 p
	WICA-TV**	15	Wed 8:00 p
Canton	WCMW*	1060	Sun 12:15 p
Cincinnati	WLW*	700	Sun 12:30 p
	WLW*	700	Sun 2:30 p
Cleveland	WHK†	1420	Mon 9:30 p
	WHK†	1420	Thurs 9:30 p
Dayton	WHIO*	1290	Tues 7:15 p
Delaware	WLSN**		
Elyria	WEOL*	930	Sun 9:45 a
	WEOL*	930	Wed 7:30 p
Gallipolis	WJEH*	990	
Lima	WLOR-TV*	73	Tues 8:30 p
Hamilton	WMOH*	1450	Sun 12:30 p
Marietta	WMOA†	1490	Mon 9:30 p
	WMOA†	1490	Thurs 9:30 p
	WCLT*	1430	Sun 8:15 p
Newark	WNXT*	1260	Mon 6:30 p
Portsmouth	WSTV-TV*	9	Sun 8:15 p
Steubenville	WSPD*	1370	Mon 8:15 p
Toledo			
Warren	WHHH†	1440	Mon 9:30 p
Youngstown	WHHH†	1440	Thurs 9:30 p
	WHHH†	1390	Sat 6:45 p
Youngstown	WFMJ*	50	Wed 7:00 p
Zanesville	WHIZ-TV**	50	Wed 7:00 p
	WHIZ-TV**	50	Mon 7:00 p

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
Altus	KWHW†	1450	Mon 8:30 p
Blackwell	KHKL**	1580	Wed 10:30 a
Cushing	KWHF*	1600	Sun 12:45 p
Duncan	KRHU†	1350	Mon 8:30 p
	KRHU†	1350	Thurs 8:30 p
Elk City	KASA†	1240	Mon 8:30 p
Enid	KCRC*	1390	Sun 10:15 p
Lawton	KSWO-TV*	7	Thurs 7:30 p
Oklahoma City	KOMA*	1520	Sat 5:45 p
	KOCY†	1340	Thurs 8:30 p
	KMPT*	19	Wed 9:00 p
	KTVQ-TV**	25	Sun 9:30 p
Okmulgee	KHRG†	1240	Mon 8:30 p
	KHRG†	1240	Thurs 8:30 p
Ponca City	WBBZ†	1230	Mon 8:30 p
	WBBZ†	1230	Thurs 8:30 p
Poteau	KLCO*	1280	
	KLCO*	1280	
Shawnee	KGFF†	1450	Mon 8:30 p
	KGFF†	1450	Thurs 8:30 p
Tulsa	KTUL*	1430	Tues 9:45 p
	KVOO*	1170	Thurs 9:30 p
Woodward	KSIW†	1450	Mon 8:30 p
	KSIW†	1450	Thurs 8:30 p

<b>OREGON</b>			
Astoria	KAST†	1370	Sun 8:30 p
Bend	KBNZ†	1110	Sun 8:30 p
Hillsboro	KRTV*	1360	Sun 1:00 p
Lebanon	KGAL*	930	Sun 7:30 p
McMinnville	KMCM*	1260	Wed 8:45 p
	KMCM*	1260	Wed 8:45 p
Portland	KXL*	760	Sat 4:15 p
Roseburg	KXNL†	1240	Sun 8:30 p
Salem	KGAE*	1430	

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<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>			
Bradford	WESB†	1490	Mon 9:30 p
	WESB†	1490	Thurs 9:30 p
Butler	WBUT*	1050	Sun 12:45 p
Butler	WBUT-FM*	97.7	Sun 12:45 p
	WBUT-FM*	1050	Sun 4:30 p
Carbondale	WCDL*	1230	Thurs 6:30 p
Carlisle	WHYL*	960	Sat 8:15 a
Coudersport	WFRM*	600	Sat 5:30 p
	WFRM*	600	Sun 1:30 p

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# In Behalf of Oppenheimer

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I have often had occasion to say that there is only one real question that interests... the Soviet leaders, and that is the question of who has the ability to haul people out of bed at three in the morning and cause them to disappear without giving any accounting for them, and where... They want to know not only how to destroy territory but how to get control of it and dominate it and run people.

Q. Of course, you will agree that if you were mistaken in that evaluation, it would be a very serious mistake.

A. I agree and for that reason I have, I believe, always had a certain caution with regard to my own views.

Q. Putting it in the language of the ordinary man, you just can't trust them, isn't that right?

A. That is correct. They do not really expect to be trusted.

Q. [by Chairman Gordon Gray] If you were today director of the Policy Planning Staff and... a certain individual had close Communist associations as late as the late thirties or perhaps early forties, would you seriously consider adding such a person to your staff today?

A. I must say if it were a person of outstanding capabilities and especially a person who had in addition to the negative factors rendered distinguished service to the government, then I would want to look at it very hard.

Q. I assume that if it were a secretary, for example, or clerical assistant, that it would be easier for you to decide that the person should not be employed.

A. I would think that would be correct....

I do feel this, that the really gifted and able people in government are perhaps less apt than the others to have had a fully conventional life and a fully conventional entry, let us say, into their governmental responsibilities.

## REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MARKS

Q. You said that in relation to gifted individuals, it was common to find that they had unconventional backgrounds and that therefore... a different type of inquiry was required for evaluation. Could you explain a little bit more fully what you had in mind?

A. It is simply that I sometimes think that the higher types of knowledge and wisdom do not often come without very considerable anguish and often a very considerable road of error....

At any rate, it seems to me that the exception[al] people are often apt not

to fit into any categories of requirements that it is easy to write into an act or a series of loyalty regulations....

... I have always felt that the United States government has to realize that it has a real problem here, particularly with the people who have the greater capacities. There is need here for considerable flexibility, and as I say at the outset, I think for a looking at the man as a whole and viewing his entire personality and not judging portions of it....

Q. Many people would say, Mr. Kennan, that you are a gifted individual. I know of nothing to suggest that you came to the government and remained in it for so many long years of great service as the result of any unconventional background. How do you reconcile those things?

A. I consider myself to be a fortunate man. At the age of 23, at a time when many American young people of good education were drifting into what I think was an unsound approach to life. I was sent out to the Baltic States. I saw the square where the Bolshevik commissars had only recently been shooting their hostages. I saw the building on Elizabeth Street in the cellar of which they had done their torturing. I was affected from the beginning by a sense of the grotesque injustice of taking a whole class as they did, the bourgeoisie of these countries, and punishing them just because they were classifiable as bourgeoisie.

I must say I was so affected by what I saw of the cruelty of Soviet power that I never could receive any of its boasts about social improvement with anything other than skepticism. I think that experience helped me a great deal at an early date and helped me to avoid mistakes that I might otherwise have made.

Later it fell to me very deeply in Russian literature and German literature, and I have had to go through all that. It has developed in me, as I think in long foreign residence it does—I was abroad eighteen years and a deep acquaintanceship with the thinking of other people—it has involved me sometimes in conflict when I came home. I find myself tending to be critical sometimes of condition in our country more than other people are, and it is a thing which I have had to fight within myself.

Probably what you can say in reply to your question is that I have been lucky in the first place, and secondly, I have been able to conceal the difficulties on the intellectual road I have gone more than other people have been

able to keep them within myself and fight them out myself.

Q. ... I hope I am not out of order in saying that as a lawyer I cannot believe that the Atomic Energy Act intended to deny to the Atomic Energy Commission the services of gifted people.

... In your opinion... are the character, associations, and loyalty of Dr. Oppenheimer such as to bring you to a determination that permitting him to have access to restricted data will not endanger the common defense and security?

A. ... On the basis of what is known to me of Dr. Oppenheimer's qualities, his personality and his activities during the period that I have known him, I would know of no reason why he should not be permitted to have access to restricted data in the government.

## RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ROBB

Q. Was Owen Lattimore one of your associates or friends?

A. No, he was not. I never had any personal acquaintance with him.

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# Opinion Forum

The following are taken from the  
"Remarks" on or accompanying  
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The very future of America depends on passage of the Bricker Amendment.

W. L. SHIVELY  
P. O. Box 111, Nappanee, Ind.

Farming cannot be learned by a short "visit" to Iowa; would require several months of extensive study. They can adapt all they need to know from books.

JAMES C. STOCK  
Box 251, Lone Tree, Iowa

If we give the average Russian citizen an opportunity to learn of a democracy in action, he can see how insignificant his own method of government is.

KENNETH CURTIS  
Station ACC, Abilene, Tex.

England is for England first and last. We are wrong in allowing the United Nations to direct our so-called "foreign policy."

R. J. LYNCH  
The Green, Cazenovia, N. Y.

The U.S. should announce that any further expansion by Communist governments into free territory will bring retaliation. This was Eisenhower's statement before election.

C. G. BALLWEG  
2292 Wynedale Rd.  
Indianapolis 8, Ind.

We should not start World War III to recover our captive soldiers, especially if they are being treated comparatively well.

WILLARD HARTLEY  
2345 R., Lincoln, Nebr.

What Chiang and Rhee do is none of our cotton-picking business. It ceased being our business when we pulled troops out of North China in '46 on recommendation of European commanders.

DON W. STEARMAN  
3511 Valley Ridge Rd., Dallas, Tex.

I trust Ike's military judgment, his morality, but he has too many "one-worlders," bleeding hearts, and do-gooders around him. We must have the Bricker Amendment enacted into law.

HERBERT ELLISON SMITH  
14006 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif.

The people are too apathetic of the things done to them in the last thirty years.

H. O. KLEIN  
223 S. 17, LaCrosse, Wis.

I don't feel we should start a war but should keep up military might to discourage attack on us.

M. J. MEUNIER, JR.  
1000 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, La.

No. 1 Problem—Public's lack of interest in spending of federal money. Greatest pleasure on earth—giving away someone else's money.

E. C. JOHNSON  
713 Central, Estherville, Iowa

Russian farmers in Iowa would be a mere spy gesture. We must not rest till all captive soldiers are safely home—back Chiang and Rhee to the limit, and now is the time to start.

A. R. STUART  
P. O. Box 1230, Brownshoro, Tex.

If we are attacked from without, we are ready. What about within?

ESTHER WILLIAMS  
Sherill Hotel, No. 410, Salt Lake City, Utah

More and more we should insist that all matters of public interest should be voted upon by the American people.

WILL F. EVANS  
Box 335, Mesilla Park, N. M.

No. 2—It is impossible to think of Eisenhower and MacArthur being together at Yalta. Eisenhower was part of the Roosevelt-Truman regime: had he been at Yalta, there would have been no difference. Had MacArthur been there, Yalta would have been different.

ROMAINE L. POINDEXTER  
991 Roxbury Rd., San Marino 9, Calif.

My answer to No. 3 is that I don't know, but it looks that way. Our propaganda is usually worse than useless—harmful instead of helpful. AND WE PUNISH, NOT TREASON, BUT THOSE WHO EXPOSE TREASON. It is impossible for me to understand the reason why, in this supposedly anti-Communist country, we crucify all our fighters against Communists.

MRS. ROWENA MILLER  
Apt. 317, 2357 St. James Ave.  
Cincinnati 6, Ohio

I believe the Army should be cleaned of deadwood and become streamlined and efficient.

THOMAS MICHEL  
131 S. Wall St., Kankakee, Ill.

A nation without heroes is a nation without a history, and a nation without a history will die.

ALVIN M. OWSLEY  
Dallas, Tex.

Talk peace, dream peace, live in peace to have a peaceful world.

OSCAR V. MAMIGONIAN  
812 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.

To insist upon being attacked first is morally and ethically right, but I don't know whether it is wise!

PAULIST CIRCULATING LIBRARY  
614 Grant Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Anti-Communists will not remain impotent forever in their fight to save America—only as long as traitors exist in government.

A. L. WILHOITE  
7 W. 17th St., Tulsa, Okla.

## MAY POLL RESULTS

(See Page 65 for June Poll Questions)

% YES

- 39 Is U.S. wise to insist upon being attacked first?
- 83 Would Yalta have been different if MacArthur and Eisenhower had been there?
- 72 Will "anti-Communists" remain impotent victims of vicious smears?
- 9 All peaceful means failing, shall we abandon our captive soldiers?
- 62 Is hero worship dangerous to our country?
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- 75 Is the Senate too lenient in confirming Supreme Court appointees?
- 12 Do people grasp the shameful import of *Billions, Blunders and Baloney*?
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- 27 Will Americans ever be permitted to vote on the Bricker Amendment?
- 41 Should Russian farmers be permitted to come to 'Iowa' to study farming?
- 70 Should Chiang Kai-shek and Rhee be allowed to take the initiative now?
- 18 Is England a reliable ally of the U.S. in Asia?
- 30 Should the government reduce the number in the Army?

No. 4—Yes and no; we must not sacrifice many lives for a few. Such is the fate of a soldier. One is tempted to believe they would destroy the captives before we could rescue them.

KATHERYNE HENSON  
2185 S.W. Yamhill, No. 204, Portland, Ore.

*Billions, Blunders and Baloney* should be on the bedside table of the President of the United States.

BESS W. FAIRBANKS  
Stone St. 73-B, Gardner, Mass.

*Billions, Baloney, and Blunder*—crackpot slogan. Very doubtful if majority of people know much about the meaning.

RAYMOND A. YOUNG  
RFD 1, Rockford, Ohio

I still think Ike is o.k. I sure hope so.

R. W. WITHERSPOON  
419 Olive St., Shreveport, La.

Blind hero worship is the cause largely of our present trouble.

WALLACE C. PORTER  
P. O. Box 51, Marksville, La.

Abandoning our captive soldiers like we have is the most disgraceful thing that any nation can do.

JAMES L. COLLAMORE  
803 E. 12th, Little Rock, Ark.

I believe the time—already long overdue—has come to stop belly-crawling and shadow-boxing with all Communists.

FORD KINSMAN  
Cornish Flat, N. H.

# In Behalf of Oppenheimer

(Continued from Page 19)

I have often had occasion to say that there is only one real question that interests... the Soviet leaders, and that is the question of who has the ability to haul people out of bed at three in the morning and cause them to disappear without giving any accounting for them, and where... They want to know not only how to destroy territory but how to get control of it and dominate it and run people.

Q. Of course, you will agree that if you were mistaken in that evaluation, it would be a very serious mistake.

A. I agree and for that reason I have, I believe, always had a certain caution with regard to my own views.

Q. Putting it in the language of the ordinary man, you just can't trust them, isn't that right?

A. That is correct. They do not really expect to be trusted.

Q. [by Chairman Gordon Gray] If you were today director of the Policy Planning Staff and... a certain individual had close Communist associations as late as the late thirties or perhaps early forties, would you seriously consider adding such a person to your staff today?

A. I must say if it were a person of outstanding capabilities and especially a person who had in addition to the negative factors rendered distinguished service to the government, then I would want to look at it very hard.

Q. I assume that if it were a secretary, for example, or clerical assistant, that it would be easier for you to decide that the person should not be employed.

A. I would think that would be correct...

I do feel this, that the really gifted and able people in government are perhaps less apt than the others to have had a fully conventional life and a fully conventional entry, let us say, into their governmental responsibilities.

## REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MARKS

Q. You said that in relation to gifted individuals, it was common to find that they had unconventional backgrounds and that therefore... a different type of inquiry was required for evaluation. Could you explain a little bit more fully what you had in mind?

A. It is simply that I sometimes think that the higher types of knowledge and wisdom do not often come without very considerable anguish and often a very considerable road of error...

At any rate, it seems to me that the exception[al] people are often apt not

to fit into any categories of requirements that it is easy to write into an act or a series of loyalty regulations...

...I have always felt that the United States government has to realize that it has a real problem here, particularly with the people who have the greater capacities. There is need here for considerable flexibility, and as I say at the outset, I think for a looking at the man as a whole and viewing his entire personality and not judging portions of it...

Q. Many people would say, Mr. Kennan, that you are a gifted individual. I know of nothing to suggest that you came to the government and remained in it for so many long years of great service as the result of any unconventional background. How do you reconcile those things?

A. I consider myself to be a fortunate man. At the age of 23, at a time when many American young people of good education were drifting into what I think was an unsound approach to life. I was sent out to the Baltic States. I saw the square where the Bolshevik commissars had only recently been shooting their hostages. I saw the building on Elizabeth Street in the cellar of which they had done their torturing. I was affected from the beginning by a sense of the grotesque injustice of taking a whole class as they did, the bourgeoisie of these countries, and punishing them just because they were classifiable as bourgeoisie.

I must say I was so affected by what I saw of the cruelty of Soviet power that I never could receive any of its boasts about social improvement with anything other than skepticism. I think that experience helped me a great deal at an early date and helped me to avoid mistakes that I might otherwise have made.

Later it fell to me very deeply in Russian literature and German literature, and I have had to go through all that. It has developed in me, as I think in long foreign residence it does—I was abroad eighteen years and a deep acquaintanceship with the thinking of other people—it has involved me sometimes in conflict when I came home. I find myself tending to be critical sometimes of condition in our country more than other people are, and it is a thing which I have had to fight within myself.

Probably what you can say in reply to your question is that I have been lucky in the first place, and secondly, I have been able to conceal the difficulties on the intellectual road I have gone more than other people have been

able to, to keep them within myself and fight them out myself.

Q. ... I hope I am not out of order in saying that as a lawyer I cannot believe that the Atomic Energy Act intended to deny to the Atomic Energy Commission the services of gifted people.

...In your opinion... are the character, associations, and loyalty of Dr. Oppenheimer such as to bring you to a determination that permitting him to have access to restricted data will not endanger the common defense and security?

A. ... On the basis of what is known to me of Dr. Oppenheimer's qualities, his personality and his activities during the period that I have known him, I would know of no reason why he should not be permitted to have access to restricted data in the government.

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Gettysburg	WGET**	1450	Sun	7:30 p
Johnstown	WARD-TV**	56	Tues	10:30 p
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Lock Haven	WBPZ†	1230	Mon	9:30 p
	WBPZ†	1230	Thurs	9:30 p
New Castle	WKST-TV**	1280	Mon	9:30 p
	WKST-TV**	45	Wed	8:30 p
Oil City	WKRZ†	1340	Mon	9:30 p
Philadelphia	KYW*	1060	Sun	6:15 p
Pittsburgh	KDKA*	1020	Sun	10:15 p
Pottsville	WPAM†	1450	Mon	9:30 p
Reading	WEEU-TV**	33	Tues	9:30 p
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	WARM-TV*	16	Thurs	10:00 p
Shamokin	WISL†	1480	Mon	9:30 p
	WISL†	1480	Thurs	9:30 p
State College	WMAJ†	1450	Mon	9:30 p
St. Marys	WKBI†	1400	Sun	1:00 p
	WKBI†	1400	Mon	9:30 p
Wellsville	WNHT*		To be announced	
Williamsport	WLYC*	1050	Sun	1:00 p
	WLYC*	1050	Sun	5:00 p
York	WNOW**	1250	Sun	5:30 p
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	WNOW-TV**	49	Sun	7:00 p

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Manila	DZAO-TV*	3	Sat	8:00 p
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PUERTO RICO

Mayaguez	WTIL**	1300		
San Juan	WHAO**	1400	Tues	8:00 p

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken	WAKN**	990	Sat	1:00 p
Barnwell	WBAW**	740	Sat	6:00 p
Camden	WACA*	1590	Sun	2:00 p
Charlottesville	WCRP**	1420	Sat	12:30 p
Columbia	WCOS-TV**	25	Sun	2:30 p
	WIS*	560	Sun	1:15 p
Conway	WLAT†	1490	Mon	9:30 p
	WLAT†	1490	Thurs	9:30 p
Florence	WJMX**	970	Thurs	8:30 p
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Georgetown	WGTN†	1400	Mon	9:30 p
Greenville	WFBZ*	1330	Wed	10:15 p
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Greenwood	WGSW†	1350	Mon	9:30 p
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Mullins	WJAY**	1280		
Orangeburg	WTND*	920	Sun	7:00 p
Rock Hill	WTVC*	1150	Sat	6:00 p
Spartanburg	WSPA*	950	Sun	2:00 p
Sumter	WFIG†	1340	Mon	9:30 p
	WFIG†	1340	Thurs	9:30 p
Union	WBCU*	1460	Fri	7:15 p
Waltonboro	WALD*	1490	Thurs	7:15 p
	WALD**	1490	Sun	12:15 p

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mitchell	KORN†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
	KORN†	1490	Thurs	8:30 p
Rapid City	KRSD†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
	KRSD†	1340	Sun	2:00 p
Watertown	KWAT†	950	Mon	8:30 p

TENNESSEE

Athens	WLAR**			
Chattanooga	WDEF*	1370	Sun	6:15 p
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	WAGC†	1450	Thurs	8:30 p
Chattanooga	WDEF-TV**			
Cleveland	WBAC†	1340	Sat	7:00 p
	WBAC†	1340	Mon	9:30 p
Cookeville	WHUB*	1400	Thurs	9:00 p
Dyersburg	WDSG*	1450	Thurs	6:45 p
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	WDSG†	1450	Thurs	8:30 p
Harriman	WDEH*			
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	WHBT**			
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Jackson	WTJS*	1390	Tues	9:45 p
	WTJS*	1390	Thurs	
	WDNH†	1310	Mon	8:30 p
Johnson City	WJHL*	910	Mon	7:30 p
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	WJHL-TV**	11	Sun	8:00 p
Knoxville	WKXV**			
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	WTSK-TV**	26	Thurs	8:00 n
Lawrenceburg	WDXN*	1370	Sun	12:30 p
Lebanon	WDR*			
	WDR*			
Memphis	WHRO*	560	Sat	6:30 p
Morristown	WCRK†	1450	Mon	9:30 p
	WCRK†	1450	Thurs	9:30 p
Murfreesboro	WGNS*	1450	Sun	2:30 p
Nashville	WSM*	650	Fri	10:15 p
	WSIX-TV*	8	Sun	5:00 p
Newport	WLJK*	1270		
	WLJK*	1270		
Oak Ridge	WOKF*	1290	Sun	7:00 p
Paris	WTPR*	710	Sun	12:30 p
	WTPR†	710	Mon	8:30 p
	WTPR†	710	Thurs	8:30 p
	WTPR†	710	Thurs	8:30 p
Pulaski	WKSRT*	1420	Mon	7:15 p
Sparta	WSMT*	1050	Sun	1:15 p
Union City	WENK*	1240	Tues	7:15 p
Winchester	WCOT†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
	WCOT†	1340	Thurs	8:30 p

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I made good use of . . . copies you people sent me. I had my own . . . so gave one to a member of our legislature who had told me he wished he could find some "good" magazines, and to a neighbor who is leader of a study group currently getting acquainted with the U.S. Constitution.

Mrs. G. N. EKLUND  
Farmington, Utah

I recently talked with (the) president . . . of Ranger College and he talked so enthusiastically about the Facts Forum film rental library and about how successful their handling of this service had been, that I would like to have information about Wayland College's having a similar arrangement. . . I have been extremely interested in Mr. Smoot's Facts Forum lectures which I have heard in recent weeks.

A. HOPE OWEN, President  
Wayland Baptist College  
Plainview, Texas

Best wishes and sincere prayers for a continuation of your patriotic work . . . for many years to come.

Miss RUTH C. DOUGLAS  
R.F.D. 1, South Shaftsbury, Vt.

I am wondering if a copy of the Facts Forum News Release is mailed to each Senator and Representative each time it is made up. It seems this would give Congress the trend of people's thinking on the various questions.

B. D. ADDINGTON, Division Manager  
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301 Caldwell Bldg., Bristol, Tenn.

I really appreciate and thank you for your swell magazine. Hope it finds itself in everyone's hands.

PAUL J. KLEIN  
6-B, V.A. Hospital, Madison, Wis.

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A/IC W. C. BLACKWELL  
Headquarters Squadron  
814th Air Base Group  
Fairchild Air Force Base  
Spokane, Wash.

Please accept my very sincere thanks for the subscription to your splendid publication. I have received three copies, and my husband and I believe each copy to be better than its predecessor.

Mrs. B. L. PARKINSON  
Box 1036, College Station  
Fredericksburg, Va.

I would like to congratulate you on the splendid way you present both sides of controversial current affairs. I believe teachers should take the same position and present both sides of these problems.

Mrs. LOUIS STAHL, JR.  
199 Edgewood St., Wheeling, W. Va.

TEXAS

Abilene	KWKC*	1340	Sun	9:15 p
Amarillo	KGNC*	710	Wed	9:45 p
	KAMQ†	1010	Mon	8:30 p
Ballinger	KRUN*	1400		
Beaumont	KBMT-TV**	31	Sun	8:00 p
	KBMT-TV**	31		
Beeville	KFDM*	560	Mon	9:15 p
	KIBL*	1490	Sun	8:15 p
	KIBL*	1490	Mon	7:00 p
Big Spring	KTXC†	1400	Mon	8:30 p
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Bonham	KFYN*	1420	Sun	12:15 p
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Borger	KHUZ†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
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Brownsville	KBOR*	1600	Sat	7:00 p
Brownwood	KBRD†	1380	Mon	8:30 p
Bryan	KORA†	1240	Mon	8:30 p
Cleburne	KCLE*	1120	Sun	1:15 p
College Station	WTAW*	1150	Fri	8:45 a
Corpus Christi	KRIS*	1360	Wed	9:45 p
	KVDO-TV*	22	Sun	4:00 p
Crockett	KIVY*	1290	Thurs	1:00 p
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Dallas	KRLD-TV*	4	Wed	10:30 p
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	WFAA*	570	Mon	10:30 p
	WRR†	1310	Thurs	10:30 p
Denton	KDNT*	1440	Tues	7:45 p
Eastland	KERC*	1590	Sun	4:00 p
El Paso	KEPO*	690	Sun	8:15 p
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Freepoint	KBRZ**	1460	Sun	1:00 p
Fredericksburg	KNAF†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
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Gainesville	KGAF*	1580	Sun	12:45 p
Greenville	KGVL*	1400	Sun	1:15 p
Houston	KPRC*	950	Wed	9:45 p
Huntsville	KSAM†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
Kerrit	KERB*	600	Sun	1:00 p
Kerrville	KERV*	1230	Fri	8:15 p
Kilgore	KOCA*	1240		
Kingsville	KINE*	1330	Sun	6:00 p
Lamesa	KPET*	690	Sun	7:15 p
Levelland	KLVT*	1230	Sun	1:00 p
Littlefield	KVOW*	1490	Sun	1:15 p
Longview	KLTI*	1280	Sun	3:00 p
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Lufkin	KTRE*	13	Sun	12:00 n
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Marlin	KMLW*	1010	Mon	8:30 p
Midland	KCRS*	550	Thurs	5:45 p
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Monahans	KVKM†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
Mt. Pleasant	KIMP*	960		
Nacogdoches	KSFA*	860	Sun	2:30 p
New Braunfels	KGNB*	1420	Sun	9:00 a
Pecos	KIUN*	1400	Tues	7:30 p
Port Arthur	KPAC*	1250	Mon	9:30 p
San Angelo	KTXL-TV*	8	Sun	4:00 p
San Antonio	WOAI*	1200	Wed	9:45 p
	WOAI-TV*	4	Sun	1:00 p
Sherman	KRRV*	910	Sat	6:00 p
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Snyder	KSNY*	1450	Sun	6:00 p
	KSNY*	1450	Mon	8:30 p
Stephenville	KSTV*	1510	Sun	12:45 p
Sulphur Springs	KSSP*	1230	Sun	6:45 p
Sweetwater	KXON†	1240	Mon	8:30 p
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Taylor	KTAE*	1260	Sun	1:00 p
Texarkana	KTSP*	1400	To be announced	
Tyler	KLTV-TV**	7	Wed	10:00 p
Vernon	KVWC†	1490	Mon	8:30 p
Victoria	KVIC†	1340	Mon	8:30 p
	KVIC†	1340	Thurs	8:30 p
Waco	KANG-TV*	34	Sun	2:00 p
	KANG-TV*	34	Sun	3:00 p
Weslaco	KRGV*	1290	Wed	9:45 p
	KRGV-TV*	6	Sun	10:30 p
Wichita Falls	KWFT-TV*	6	Tues	9:30 p

UTAH

Logan	KVNU†	610	Mon	7:30 p
Price	KOAL†	1230	Mon	7:30 p
Salt Lake City	KSL*	1160	Sun	2:15 p
	KALL†	910	Thurs	7:30 p
Vernal	KJAM*	1340	Mon	6:00 p
	KJAM*	1340	Sun	3:00 p

VERMONT

Newport	WIKV*	1490	Wed	9:30 p
St. Johnsbury	WTWN*	1340	Wed	9:30 p
	WTWN*	1340	Sun	8:30 p

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Christiansted, St. Croix	WIVI*	1230	To be announced	
St. Thomas	WSTA**	1340	To be announced	

VIRGINIA

Arlington	WEAM†	1390	Thurs	10:00 p
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	WREL*	1450	Sun	6:30 p
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# Max Eastman

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Yes. I think—the basic thing I want to say in my book is this: The main enemy of our free, humane, friendly democratic way of life is the development of statism. We're getting a habit in this country when we think something is good, we ought to do something—we mean by that the government ought to do it. And very few people are reflecting that if the government does everything that is good, liberty will disappear out of the world whether it does anything bad or not.

That's not the doctrine...

I'm not quite answering your question there but just saying what I wanted to say at the moment.

In your book you specifically mentioned that a state apparatus demanded planning and that means if you planned you had to plan for a long term and that was against free elections, because you had to keep the people in power who would constantly do the planning!

That's true, and you're being very clear about it.

I'd like to find out—to get into the the background—start from the beginning and find out how you became a Socialist in the first place. When and where were you born?

I was born in Canandigua, New York, about twenty miles from the Eastman Kodak Company.

Was there anything about your home life or your environment as a youngster that gave you the intellectual inclinations, for your desire to find out more about governments and peoples?

My father and mother were both ministers. They were very liberal ministers. And I suppose that means the root of my feeling, my desire for equality, was Christian. I was brought up very freely to use my own mind and make my own conclusions about everything. I didn't become a Socialist because I had a resentment against somebody. I was free and I regarded myself as free and my motive was just to extend this liberty to everybody including the working class.

Where did you go to school?

I went to Mercersburg Academy and then to Williams College and then studied at Columbia and taught logic.

What kind of a degree did you get from Columbia?

I took all requirements for a Ph.D., and got a certificate saying I could have it whenever I came up there and I never went up and got it.

You're a Ph.D., but not technically one?

That's right. I wanted to be a writer and I think a writer with a Ph.D. tag on his name is at a disadvantage. And I don't like titles, anyway.

You also taught philosophy as well as logic, didn't you, at Columbia—and you were there for four years?

Yes.

And what prompted you to leave Columbia? What did you do when you did leave Columbia?

Well, I didn't want to be a teacher. I taught in order to find out what I wanted to know in order to write books. And I was in a very inferior teaching position—an assistant in philosophy. I'll tell you an incident which occurred in my classroom which illustrates how much it meant to me. While explaining the syllogism on the blackboard, very elaborately, a bright young fellow in back of my class, who subsequently became Senator O'Mahoney, stuck up his hand and said, "Professor, what is the use of all this?" I answered, "I'm ashamed to say it nets me only five hundred a year."

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What was your first book? Did you write books or magazine articles?

My first book was called *Enjoyment of Poetry*.

That had nothing to do with politics in particular?

Not at all, and I did give a course in the graduate school at Columbia in aesthetics in which I applied psychology to the criticism of literature for the first time, I think.

The first time it had ever been applied?

Yes. That is, people in my class got credits in psychology although it was a literary course.

Did your first book on poetry enjoy good success?

Well, it's still selling at the rate of about one every two days. It has been reprinted twenty-four times.

What is the most popular book you have written?

Over the years that's the most popular book. But the only bestseller I ever wrote was called *Enjoyment of Laughter*. It's a book on the psychology of humor which has the humor in it. At least, that's what it aimed...

What was the most popular book you wrote on the political scene or political science, you might say?

None of them were very popular. The most important one is called *Marxism: Is it a Science?*

They were extremely influential books, though, were they not?

Perhaps—if it's true that influence really seeps down from the intellectual.

Would you say that influence does seep down in considerable quantity from the intellectual to the public as a whole?

I think, decidedly.

How do you think the mechanism of this seeping works?

The masses of the people accept their opinions from journals. The editors of popular journals read more highbrow magazines and the editors of more highbrow magazines read still more highbrow magazines. I think it's true, as (John) Maynard Keynes says, that any popular movement that's being put across now you'll find it outlined in some dull book in economics published about seventy years ago. And the best example of it is Karl Marx. It's a life work to read Karl Marx's *Das Kapital*, but that's the book which has caused all this trouble.

Yes. Actually relatively few people have read it.

Very few.

I'd like to know when, Mr. Eastman, what year you became actively socialistic and became an active Socialist propagandist?

In 1912 I became editor of the old *Masses* which was a Socialist magazine, and I think it was that same year I joined the Socialist party.

How long were you editor of the *New Masses*?

Don't say *New Masses*. I said "old" on purpose because it had no relation to the *New Masses*. An entirely different group of people founded the *New Masses*. But I was editor of the old *Masses* from 1912 to 1917 when it was suppressed by the government for opposing the war. Then I started another magazine called *The Liberator*, which I edited until 1922.

It was at that time, I imagine, that you made your trip to Russia?

I left *The Liberator* and I gave up journalism entirely in 1922 and went to Russia.

You were actively supporting the Bolsheviks when they seized power in Russia in 1917?

Yes.



Hardy Burt (left), and Max Eastman

tell us something about your experiences there, Mr. Eastman, that is, when your disillusionment started—the first experience of disillusionment?

It started in 1921 just before I left. I came to Russia at the time right after the New Economic Policy when things were at their best. And I was more appalled at the kind of scholastic, theological belief in Marxism as a revealed religion. I was more troubled by that than any other feature there.

I spent most of my time working towards this book, *Marxism: Is it a Science?* So, in that respect, theoretically, I was against it all right from the start—that is, the metaphysics of Marxism. But I was for the social experiment.

I was close enough to the Bolsheviks so that I got an invitation to attend two Congresses of the Russian Communist party. And the last one, just before I left in 1924, was the one in which Stalin and his two lieutenants and all the up and coming Communists, having got past the Congress, put an end to Trotsky's influence in the party. I was sitting there and watched Stalin pull that off. From then on I watched him ascend to the position of an absolute totalitarian dictator. At first, I thought of him as an enemy of the experiment, but I very gradually realized that he was to be regarded as a result of the experiment.

Do you consider communism a religion?

Yes, it's a godless religion.

What would you say is the difference between Christianity as a religion and communism as a religion?

The principle outstanding difference is that Christianity looks to the salvation of man by his being good. Communism looks to the salvation of society by adopting the ethics of war in peacetime—by being bad.

Do you think that there's any chance for a peaceful co-existence with communism?

I don't think there will ever be peace in the world until the Marxists are dethroned in Moscow and elsewhere.

You spoke of danger of socialism itself in our country. What do you think should be done about that danger, Mr. Eastman?

Just what you and I are doing—talking about the subject.

Expose it so that the public as a whole will know about it?

Yes, it's an educative thing. I think what this country most needs now is a magazine, a journal of letters which would discuss all phases of life, but recognize that the main evil and the main danger to our way of life is statism.

Mr. Eastman, is it your analysis that the Socialists in America are inclined to feel sympathy, some sort of subconscious sympathy, even with socialism in Russia? Of course most of them certainly blast Soviet communism in public statements.

Yes, it isn't so much that they feel sympathy with communism because they don't. They're violently against what they call the methods of the Communists. Unfortunately, these are the methods which history chose to

the weak position of believing in the results but saying, "Oh, no, that isn't the right way to do it," which is certainly not a strong position politically.

I notice that Chapter Seven in your book is entitled, "What To Call Yourself." Now this is a complex problem for many people in America today, because the political terms have become awfully confusing.

Conservatives regard themselves as liberals and say that the liberals have stolen their word conservative—liberal from them. And some liberals like to say they're progressive, and middle-of-the-roads like to say they are progressive moderates or liberal conservatives. Whatever that would be—I haven't the slightest idea!

What do you think that a person of left-wing persuasions should call himself, and what do you think a person of so-called right-wing persuasions should call himself?

Nobody has stolen any name. It's an evolution in the language. The word *liberal* when it originated and also the word *left* meant extreme advocates of individual freedom as against state control. And gradually the opinions of the intellectuals, who called themselves liberal, have shifted around from an interest in freedom to an interest in social welfare—a sort of approximation to equality rather than freedom. And the word has gone along with them.

They have now arrived to a point where they're so strong for the kind of economic social justice, as they call it, that they are even not disposed to be very harsh about the Soviet Union, and they're not in the least opposed to motions in the direction of state control at home. Therefore, the word *liberal* has really come to mean a person who is for more state control, whereas originally it was a person who wouldn't stand for any state control at all.

What does the word *conservative* mean?

The word conservative fortunately has kind of preserved its meaning. It means, primarily, to conserve the values we have. I call myself a radical conservative.

Isn't the conservative more inclined to be the builder than the liberal in present day terms?

Well, I don't know whether that's so good—they're both trying to build, but the liberals—the left liberals—are building the wrong thing, I think, and the conservatives are building the right thing.

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Moscow construction workers

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## Where Is the Soviet Sandia?

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6. The Muscovites have, of course, resolved to try to do something about their own mess. In August 1952 they promulgated Plan V, focusing on goals set for 1955. According to the editors of *Fortune*, "... weaknesses notwithstanding, Plan V makes the Soviet Union a growing military menace to the West."<sup>12</sup> This sounds a bit anticlimactic to ears accustomed to the imagined thunder of Soviet atomic tests three years before Plan V was announced. Let us not minimize, however, the Soviet potential. Let us neither minimize it nor maximize it. Let's try to make some reasoned assumptions about it.

The *World Almanac* for 1953 makes the following summary statement about Plan V:

"The plan, aiming at increased output in nearly every field, set a 10 to 12 per cent yearly increase in average production to attain a general rise of about 70 per cent in 1955 over 1950. Fulfillment of the 1955 goals would make the Soviet Union about one-half as productive as the U.S. was in 1951."<sup>13</sup> But this means that total industry in the Soviet Union in 1919, when we first heard of an atomic explosion there, must have been equivalent to something between a fourth and a third of U.S. industry of the same date.

In view of the historic vicissitudes we have just briefly run over, there seems little reason to argue for a higher estimate of Soviet capacity than this—call it 30 per cent of U.S. capacity. This at the time when they allegedly made an A-bomb.

So far, then, this:

A broad-scale measurement of Russian industry against American does not, of course, reveal whether the Soviets are or are not capable of manufacturing an atomic bomb; but it does reveal, decidedly, a situation where various conjectures are legitimate, where only a crackpot can be sure either way, and where only an ax-grinder will pretend to be sure either way. Unless, of course, he has positive intelligence not available to the public. We cannot argue against the I-know-things-I-am-not-at-liberty-to-reveal line.

But this is where we came in on the Harry Truman story. He knew things he was not at liberty to reveal. Down to January 20, 1953, he was supposed to know more than anyone else. It seems improbable that by January 27 he had forgotten everything, or that President Eisenhower (tied up at least part of the time by the inaugural ceremonies and festivities) had learned everything.

No, the argument from authority is a dead duck. We will reason as best we can concerning probabilities.

### THE LIVE ISSUE

Now, let's focus a bit more sharply on the essential problem. The question that counts is not, literally, Do the Russians have an A-bomb? but, Do the Russians have an atomic energy project of significant scope and efficiency?

Put otherwise, we will not agitate ourselves as to whether the United States has a pure monopoly, but will inquire as to whether the United States has in fact atomic superiority. Or, again, has the policy of Security by Achievement been a success?

Actually, there is little doubt that, within its terms of reference (i.e., as far as it goes), it has been a success. Nor is there likely to be much controversy about that, unless Moscow wants to argue it.

The American atomic energy project has immense superiority over any conceivable atomic energy project within the boundaries of the Soviet Union. This I do believe.

To maintain such superiority was the policy of the Truman Administration, and has continued to be the policy of the Eisenhower Administration. Both Administrations have received co-operation, at any rate since 1919, from every segment of American society. The scientists and the military have reduced public bickering almost to the vanishing point, and the plain citizens have never wavered in their support of more A-bombs, H-bombs, fissionable material—the works!

That is why we are building Savannah River and Portsmouth. That is why we are searing the sands of Nevada, and readying the runways at Groton for the *Nautilus*. That is why we appropriated in one year double the amount invested in the whole Manhattan Project during World War II.<sup>14</sup>

The extent of this superiority, obviously, cannot be measured with precision. Nor does it need to be, for if it were close it would not effectively exist. It is not close. It cannot be.

In order to see how it cannot be, we must examine more closely the startling disparity between American and Russian industrial capacity. The fact is that the most striking differences between American and Soviet accomplishment appear in certain industries which seem to be especially reliable indicators of the technological verve and persistence requisite to a viable atomic energy project.

These industries include the electronics and electric appliance group, the telephone industry, the automobile industry, the chemical industries, including petroleum, and the metallurgical and metal industries, especially nonferrous.

It is not at all unreasonable to assume a significant positive correlation between a nation's atomic potential and its actual performance in the telephone industry.

David E. Lilienthal has explained in some detail how the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, even though it had inherited the project which had made the

<sup>12</sup> *Fortune*, Feb. 1953, p. 119, Copr. by Time Inc.

<sup>13</sup> 1953 *World Almanac*, p. 287.

<sup>14</sup> Appropriations for atomic energy, from the beginning of the project through November 1952, are recapitulated in *The Atomic Energy Act of 1946*, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Government Printing Office, 1952), pp. 50-72.



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ix cars, four-seaters with radios and  
h-button windows, parked outside gov-  
ment buildings in Moscow.

oshima and Nagasaki bombs, still  
d a shocking problem in establishing  
proper organization for "the fabrica-  
n of the components, and their as-  
sibly into a workable weapon."

"First of all," says Mr. Lilienthal in  
book *Big Business: A New Era*,  
his task required industrial exper-  
ence . . .

"Second, what we wanted done re-  
quired men of a high order of ability  
scientific fundamentals . . .

"Third, this task called for a special  
d of operating experience in dealing  
h the technical characteristics of sys-  
ems used in these weapons . . .

"Most important of all, these three  
capabilities of research, industrial tech-  
niques and operation had to be com-  
ed in the same team . . .

"To go out and create such an or-  
ganization was out of the question.  
ere was not time."

Now does anyone seriously think  
ere has been more time for this kind  
creation in Russia?

"It was our 'hunch,'" says Mr. Lili-  
enthal, "that there was such an organiza-  
on in existence—the Bell System . . .

"A careful analysis confirmed this  
initial 'hunch.' . . .

"The Bell System took over the San-  
a operation (as this part of atomic  
apons production is called) . . . It has  
en responsible for it ever since. The  
pped-up production of atomic bombs  
nd the favorable results in the tests of  
w weapons . . . are, I am sure, in  
onsiderable measure due to the unique  
ontribution of the Bell System . . ."<sup>15</sup>

Now if the industrial giant of the  
est (that's us, the U.S.) found it in  
e logic of advantage to petition the  
ervices of the Bell (telephone) System,  
seems altogether appropriate to in-

quire whether the infallible guardians  
of the Workers' Paradise had any com-  
parable organization to which they  
might turn.

*Actually, there are fewer telephones  
in all of European and Asiatic Russia  
than there are in Chicago.*<sup>16</sup>

As you look at the thing it gets al-  
most ridiculous.

Take the automobile industry. Its re-  
cord in converting readily from peace  
to war status and from war to peace  
status means that its volume of produc-  
tion is at once a symptom of and a fac-  
tor in industrial and economic strength.  
By cautious estimate the Soviet Union  
has one motor vehicle to our fifteen.<sup>17</sup>

A more sensitive barometer is doubt-  
less the electronics and electrical ap-  
pliance industry. Again from the *World Al-  
manac*: Early in 1952 the United States  
had 109 TV stations. (Licensing of such  
stations was "frozen" at the time; short-  
ly thereafter it was unfrozen, and there  
were 700 applications on file with the  
Federal Communications Commission by  
July 1, 1952.) The U.S.S.R. "opened its  
third television station in Kiev January  
15 [1952]. It operates only on Saturday  
and Sunday." The United States had  
21,000,000 TV sets, the Soviet Union  
21,500.<sup>18</sup>

The editors of *Fortune* say of Soviet  
technology in general: The Soviet Union  
has developed and produced some equip-  
ment as advanced as the best in the  
U.S. . . . Yet the general technological  
level remains low. Cold-drawing of nuts  
and bolts, extrusion in nonferrous met-  
allurgy, and self-recording control de-  
vices are still in the pilot stage."<sup>19</sup> Now  
that is really pretty bad if you are think-  
ing about atomic energy in a big way.  
And it does not help much if the follow-  
ing report is true: "Inadequate control  
of heavy-media separation techniques is

holding up the beneficiation of marginal  
ores at Krivoy Rog."<sup>20</sup>

I don't know what ores the editors  
of *Fortune* here have in mind, but in  
the judgment of the editors of *Business  
Week* (as of July 28, 1951) all the  
uranium ores available to the Russians  
were marginal.<sup>21</sup>

Mr. Ellsworth Raymond and Mr.  
John F. Hogerton did a special study  
for *Look* in 1948 to estimate Russian  
prospects for making an atom bomb.<sup>22</sup>  
Mr. Hogerton, who had been chief of  
the Technical Reports Division of Kel-  
lex, the engineering firm that designed  
K-25, made an estimate of what kind of

<sup>15</sup> David E. Lilienthal, *Big Business: A New  
Era* (Harper, 1952), pp. 100-103.

<sup>16</sup> The 1953 *World Almanac*, p. 476, gives the  
U.S.S.R., "including all Asiatic territory,"  
1,500,000 telephones; Chicago 1,526,156.  
U.S. telephones total 43,003,832. In support  
of Mr. Lilienthal's view that a flourishing  
telephone industry can make a unique con-  
tribution to the production of atomic  
weapons in quantity, is the following state-  
ment of Dr. Mervin J. Kelly, Executive  
Vice President, Bell Laboratories, Inc.,  
made before the Joint Committee on Atomic  
Energy, July 7, 1949, shortly after complet-  
ing a survey of AEC's Los Alamos and  
Sandia operations: "This is indeed a com-  
plex operation; probably as complex as  
any single operation in applied science. . .  
It is an area in which I have spent my  
whole professional life." (*Investigation  
Hearing*, p. 809.)

<sup>17</sup> Current Soviet production may be as high  
as one-tenth the U.S. rate. See *Fortune*,  
Feb. 1953, p. 119. But the 1953 *World  
Almanac*, p. 287, estimates the Soviet pro-  
duction goal for 1955 as only 7.2 per cent  
of U.S. production in 1951. Any reasonable  
allowance for U.S. accumulation due to  
past productivity, freedom from invasion,  
and superior maintenance readily yields the  
15-to-1 ratio favoring the United States.

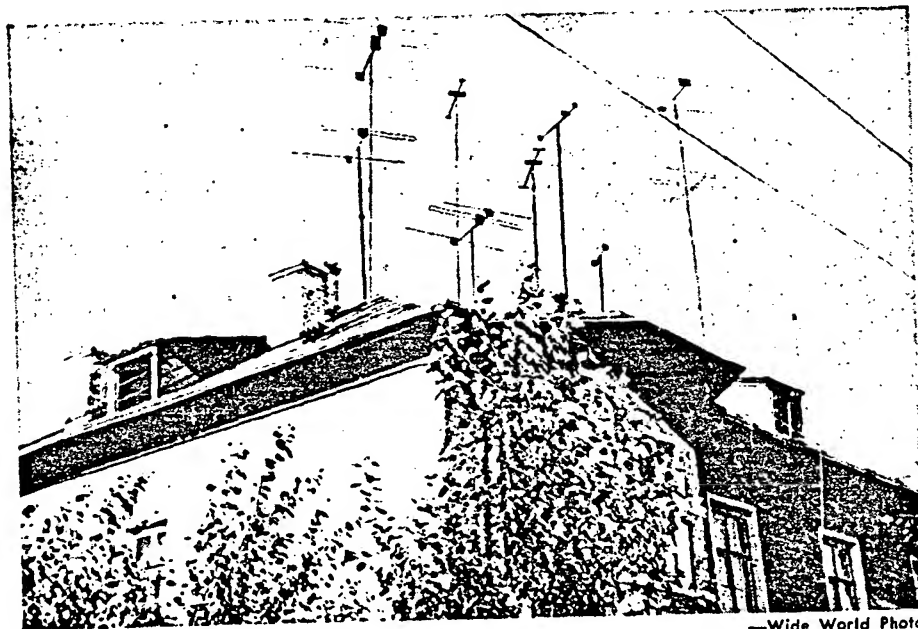
<sup>18</sup> 1953 *World Almanac*, pp. 317-18.

<sup>19</sup> *Fortune*, Feb. 1953, p. 211.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>21</sup> *The Atom, 1951. A Business Week Report*  
(McGraw-Hill, 1951), p. 5.

<sup>22</sup> *Look*, March 16, 1948, pp. 27-34.



—Wide World Photo  
Television aerials shown in village of Zagorsk, forty-eight miles north of Moscow.

industrial capacity is required to produce fissionable materials—the recognized crux of the problem; and Mr. Raymond, who had been Adviser on Russian economics to the War Department, took Mr. Hogerton's broad specifications and estimated how soon the Russians might be able to meet them.

"Russian industry," wrote Mr. Raymond, "having neglected the manufacture of precision goods, now finds itself prepared for the wrong type of war."

"In time, of course, Russia can improve the quantity and quality of the output of its precision-machinery factories. But it will take a long time. And no U.S. or England in its right mind will export atomic-plant equipment to the U.S.S.R." [This is the soft spot in Mr. Raymond's reasoning, as, right mind or wrong, we did, in 1947, reportedly make such exports;<sup>23</sup> but Mr. Raymond's argument still has force, both because the quantities of such exports were probably not great enough to furnish a real competitor, and also because as General Marshall testified, the Russians as a rule do not know quite what to do with advanced equipment when they get it.]

"The Russians," continues Mr. Raymond, "simply cannot hope to have a K-25 plant like the one at Oak Ridge within a few years. This would be physically impossible. The Soviet industries which would have to supply the equipment for such a mechanical monster are too undeveloped."

At this point it should be noted that this physically-impossible-for-the-Soviets K-25 was the only kind of fissionable-material factory that the celebrated Dr. Klaus Fuchs knew very much about. He could not have given the Russians much detailed help on a plutonium plant. And he could not give them the equipment for any kind of plant. At the time of his confession in 1950 he "explained," according to Alan Moorehead, "that it was impossible for him, of course, to do more than tell the Russians the principle on which the bomb was made. It was up to the Russians to produce their own industrial equipment, and he *had been astonished* [italics added] when they had succeeded in making and detonating a bomb as soon as the previous August. He knew, Fuchs said, that scientifically they were sufficiently advanced; but he had not supposed that commercially and industrially they were so far developed."<sup>24</sup>

Mr. Raymond's survey of Russian industrial capacity precluded the possibility of a Soviet K-25, and put a possible Soviet Hanford some years into the future.

"Even if Russian science should be equal to the task, there is still no assurance that a Hanford could be quickly built," said Mr. Raymond. "Soviet scientists successfully worked out the

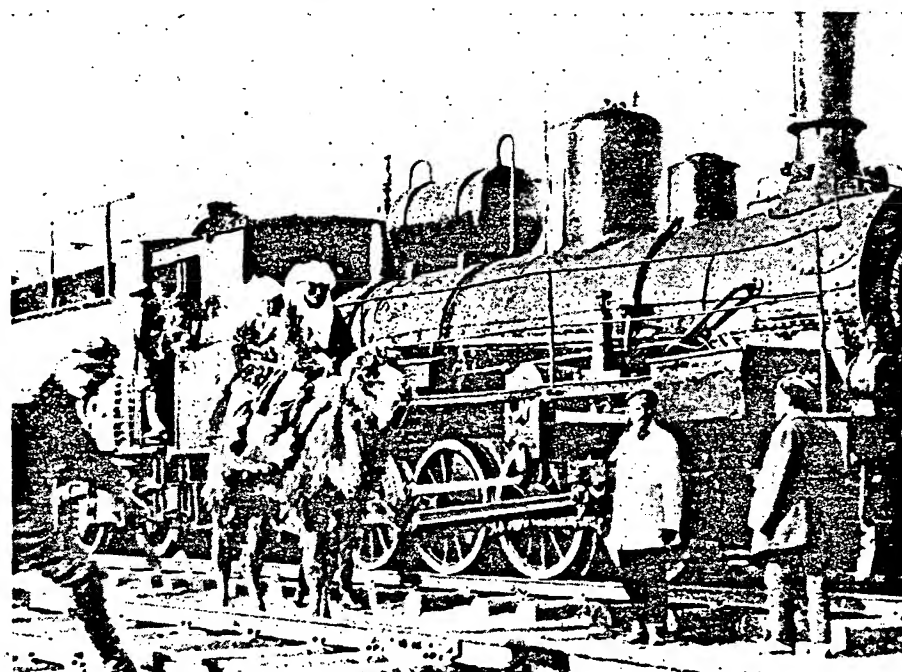
theory of radar some years before its discovery in England. But the Russians were not able to put theory into practice, and did not manufacture radar equipment until long after both England and America had done so."

One thing should be made perfectly clear: Mr. Raymond wrote before anything was known about Klaus Fuchs, and he wrote before President Truman announced that an atomic explosion had taken place in Russia. When his analytical report of Soviet incapacity is read now, the more reasonable inference is not that Mr. Raymond was an unreliable forecaster, but rather that the dramatic and sensational characteristics of the Fuchs case and the Truman announcement blinded most of us to Mr. Raymond's relatively unexciting account.

standing of the situation in Russia is that even when the basic facts are known, they have, and I think we have cause to be grateful, some difficulty in making practical application of them."<sup>25</sup>

Dr. Irving Langmuir, eminent research director, who visited Russia in June 1945, reported, "The thing that impressed me most was the extent to which they were working on pure science. The Institutes [Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and the Physical Institute] had no connection with industry."<sup>26</sup>

Even the scientists had not progressed very far if what Dr. Langmuir told the McMahon Committee in December 1945 was correct. "When you go to Russia," he said, "and you find that Kapitza, Fersman, Frenkel, and Joffe—all of



—Wide World Photo  
Modes of transportation in Russia—a Soviet locomotive on the New Turkestan-Siberian RR line versus a camel carrying two women and child to market at Alma-Ata, capital of Kazakhstan Soviet Republic.

But prosaic as it may be, it is probable. The Russians can hardly be serious competitors with the United States, or with the United Kingdom, in the construction and operation of a complete atomic energy project. Sporadic explosions, perhaps contrived with quantities of fissionable material stolen from the United States, do not alter the general validity of Mr. Raymond's comparison.

His observation of what is apparently a characteristic gap between Soviet science, which everyone knows is occasionally brilliant, and Soviet "industrial construction," which, he says, "is still in the pick-and-shovel age," is especially pertinent, and is supported by other expert testimony.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, perhaps the most famous of atomic scientists, told the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in June 1949: "...my under-

those men who are working on problems that have nothing to do with atomic energy—when Joffe tells me and shows me the cyclotron started in 1938, work on which was discontinued during the war and is now just starting again, and tells me the cyclotron will be finished in December of this year—and he is the most prominent physicist that has had anything to do with nuclear physics—when you see that, *you are convinced they are not carrying through a Manhattan project.*"<sup>27</sup> [Italics added.] Dr. Langmuir's conviction was presumably based on the evident rate of progress on the cyclotron.

Mr. Raymond's instance of radar to illustrate the greater lag normally expected in Russia than in England between theory and production may provoke us to re-examine what we have been asked to believe regarding atomic

theory and production in the two countries.

The official version has not attempted to deny the pre-eminence of British nuclear science. Kapitza got his start under Rutherford at Cambridge, which was probably the leading prewar center of nuclear research. All the Manhattan Project scientists known to have given war-time secrets to the Russians were British. But the galaxy of British scientists as a whole was far greater than Fuchs, May, and Pontecorvo. Hence, even with the maximum allowance for the value of the knowledge transmitted by these three, the British resources of knowledge remain far greater than the known Russian resources.

Indeed, the British tradition in the physical sciences and their ingenious practical application is unrivaled. From Newton to Lord Cherwell, from the steam engine to radar, from the spinning jenny to the jet airliner, the island home of the industrial revolution has produced or attracted a fabulous gallery of scientific and technical genius, including—in the nuclear field—Thomson, Rutherford, Chadwick, Cockcroft, Wilson, Penney, and on and on.

Yet in spite of this acknowledged superiority of British nuclear science, in the face of obvious British superiority in access to the raw materials of the Belgian Congo, and ignoring the general superiority of British auxiliary technology, we have been asked to believe that the Russians beat the British by three years in the race to manufacture an atomic bomb independently of the United States, and that they now have an Atomgrad to rival Hanford.

That they have exploded one or two bombs of some kind we can credit if we remember that their entire project was put under the supervision of Lavrenti Beria, chief of their secret police, who might have arranged to smuggle out of the United States enough "nuclear components" for a demonstration or so for the Soviet high command, but that they have an atomic energy project which is serious, complete, and of a magnitude remotely competitive

with that of the United States, we cannot lightly accept.

#### OBJECTION AND REJOINDER

There is one objection to concluding quickly that the Soviets cannot have an atomic energy project which amounts to very much. The known occurrence of atomic explosions in Soviet territory is not such an objection, for, as we shall see in the following pages, they have in the past had a very real opportunity to steal fissionable materials from the United States. And as AEC Chairman Gordon Dean has said, "With fissionable material in hand, it is not a difficult technical job to make workable atomic weapons."<sup>28</sup>

But lax as our security system has undoubtedly been, we cannot suppose that the number of atomic bombs which might have been assembled in Russia from items of fissionable material manufactured in the United States can possibly constitute a stockpile seriously competitive with our own. To credit the existence of such a stockpile it is not sufficient to have at hand evidence from the analysis of fission products in air currents and evidence from cryptic intelligence reports that somewhere in the Eurasian heartland two or three nuclear explosions have undoubtedly taken place.

General Groves summarized this point rather succinctly at the time of the commotion over Truman's heresy. "All we know," said Groves, "is there were indications of nuclear explosions."<sup>29</sup>

Dr. Arthur Compton made essentially the same point: "Scientists know," he said, "that there have been two atomic explosions in Russia, but we don't know, of course, whether these explosions are the result of a workable A-bomb."<sup>30</sup> And of course, if we don't know whether these individual explosive devices, whatever they were, were "workable" A-bombs, then we certainly don't know from this evidence alone that the Soviets have a practical atomic arsenal within their own boundaries.

No, the objection to a low estimate of Russian atomic production is almost independent of our knowledge concern-

ing actual explosions, valuable as that knowledge is. The objection lies rather in the well known fact that the Soviet oligarchy may use its executive authority to require an extraordinary concentration of Russian and satellite resources on the struggling Soviet atomic energy project.

James Burnham made this point some six or seven years ago. Having observed that "Soviet industry is for the most part incompetent, inefficient, and qualitatively at a low level,"<sup>31</sup> and having pointed out the Communist dependence on and addiction to *loot*<sup>32</sup> (confirmed, as we have noted, by General Marshall). Mr. Burnham proceeded, nevertheless, to warn us how "important, for strategic purposes, is the economic concentration which absolute political control makes possible. This is of great significance in connection with the production of atomic weapons. Deficient as they are in almost all branches of economy, the Communists can concentrate the most and best of what they have both of human and physical equipment on a task which they decide to be dominant. It would, therefore, be a mistake to judge their atomic performance by their general industrial level."<sup>33</sup>

This objection is not to be brushed aside.

Dr. Compton, according to the Associated Press, said, "The difference between the United States and Russia insofar as manufacture of A-bombs is concerned is that the United States is using only one per cent of its industrial capacity in the manufacture while Russia would have to use at least four per cent."<sup>34</sup>

This at once accords with our previous general estimate of the relative magnitude of Russian industry, and at the same time suggests a quantitative paraphrase of Mr. Burnham's point regarding concentration. Granted that the United States ought to be able to stay ahead in an all-out race on both sides (provided the fight was "fair"), what if the Russians chose to devote, say, 16 per cent of their capacity to atomic

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<sup>1</sup> The following is from the *New York Times* of June 8, 1949 (p. 1): "Washington, June 7.—A Federal Bureau of Investigation Report disclosed today that Russia received a shipment of atomic research devices from the United States in 1947 and that two other shipments were blocked in 1948 and 1949. . . . The FBI report was brought into the open at the espionage trial of Judith Coplon. . . . Robert J. Lamphere, an FBI agent, testified he had prepared the document about the shipment of atomic implements to Russia. Mr. Lamphere said the report was 'authentic'—and thus not to be confused with a 'decoy' paper. . . . deliberately planted where Miss Coplon would find it. . . . Mr. Lamphere's report said no export license had been issued for the shipment of atomic equipment that reached

Soviet Russia aboard the steamship Mikhail Kutuzov in August 1947. It said a shipment of similar secret instruments was found aboard the steamship Murmansk in New York harbor Sept. 2, 1948, but American authorities removed the shipment because it had not been authorized. Then a third shipment was found on a dock in Claremont, N. J., Jan. 14, 1949, and this also was confiscated, the report said. Amtorg bought the equipment that reached Russia from the 'Cyclotron Specialties Company,' the report continued. . . ."

<sup>28</sup> Moorehead, *op. cit.*, p. 136.

<sup>29</sup> *Investigation Hearing*, p. 292. Dr. Oppenheimer had previously stated, however (p. 284): "I do not know anything about Russia."

<sup>30</sup> *Science Bulletin, American-Soviet Science Society*, October 1945, p. 4.

<sup>31</sup> *Hearings Before the Special Committee on Atomic Energy, 79th Congress, 1st Session, Pursuant to Senate Resolution 179* (hereinafter cited as *Hearings Pursuant to S. Res. 179*) (Government Printing Office, 1945-46), p. 118.

<sup>32</sup> *Washington Post*, Jan. 31, 1953, p. 1.

<sup>33</sup> *Washington Daily News* (United Press), Jan. 29, 1953, p. 35.

<sup>34</sup> *Houston Post* (Associated Press), Jan. 31, 1953, p. 8.

<sup>35</sup> James Burnham, *The Struggle for the World* (John Day, 1947), p. 93.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 118.

<sup>38</sup> *Houston Post*, Jan. 29, 1953, p. 12.



# The Liberal Mind

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sions and distortions and oversimplifications.

Aware of these limitations then, I nevertheless venture upon a short analysis of the Liberal mind. And I shall argue that it is indispensable to a knowledge of that mind to recognize that *there is an enormous area in which the Liberal does not know how to think*. More specifically: he is illogical, he is inconsistent, and he cannot assess evidence.

Several years ago, I wrote a critique of modern education—specifically, of Yale education—for which I now feel I must, in part, apologize. I apologize not so much for the irrelevance of the indictment as for its incompleteness. Almost all of my critics intoned that Yale—that Liberal education—attempts to teach students not *what* to think, but *how* to think. And I used to answer them with some such observation as that my ignorant but decent delivery man is a far better citizen of the world, to use a term that engages the rapt and respectful attention of all Liberals, than the chairman of the department of philosophy of Moscow University who—make no mistake about it—is not ignorant. I still maintain that this is a sufficient answer, but I shall never forgive myself for being so easily duped as to accept uncritically the premise that the Liberals are, indeed, successfully teaching American students how to think. I should have come back at my critics—it would have been easy—by demonstrating that not only does modern education tend to teach you to think what you ought *not* to think, it also fails to teach you *how* to think.

There isn't space for many examples of the Liberal mind at work on a logical problem, so let me attempt just one or two.

Some months ago, I suggested on a television program that symbolic of the sluggishness of the collective Liberal anti-Communist effort is the fact that should Eleanor Roosevelt meet Senator McCarthy at a cocktail party she would probably refuse to shake hands with him, whereas she would almost as surely shake Vishinsky's hand at the same party. A day or two later a reporter asked her, How about it? Indignantly she answered that she would shake hands with both Vishinsky and McCarthy at any future social affair, that in the past she had once shaken McCarthy's hand (this was evidently a vivid memory), and that was that.

Not quite, however; for a month or two later she was asked in her regular question-and-answer column in *Ladies Home Journal*, "In a recent column

you defended your right to shake hands with Mr. Vishinsky, and Senator McCarthy. Would you also have felt it was right to shake hands with Adolf Hitler?"

Replied Mrs. Roosevelt (not, I think, after anything but the intensest intellectual effort to solve that one), "In Adolf Hitler's early days I might have considered it, but after he had begun his mass killings I don't think I could have borne it."

I suggest that any effort to understand Mrs. Roosevelt's code on when it is permissible to shake someone's hand is very difficult if one has reference to these statements. If we were to set up a syllogism, here is how it would look:

Proposition A: E. R. will not shake hands with those who are guilty of mass killings.

Proposition B: E. R. will shake hands with Vishinsky.

Conclusion: Vishinsky is not guilty of mass killings.

But even Mrs. Roosevelt knows that he is — or was, rather. So what *was* she



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Andrei Vishinsky, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Adolf Hitler.

trying to say? Was she trying to say that there are significant differences between Hitler and Vishinsky? If so, with reference to what system of ethics, or what system of logic, do these differences emerge? The only explanation Mrs. Roosevelt attempts is that "*after* Hitler had begun his mass killings," *then* she couldn't bear it. But not only has she been able to bear to shake hands and drink cocktails with the first-ranking butcher of the Soviet Union, she has found it bearable to talk with him, as a co-aspirant, about drafting a mutually satisfactory declaration of human rights!

It is much too easy to accept, on the basis of this performance, the explanation that Eleanor Roosevelt is anti-Nazi but pro-Communist. But that is not the answer. Eleanor Roosevelt is *not* pro-Communist. She just doesn't know how to think. Not even potentially, I should say. She is one of the people to whom Pythagoras could *not* have explained about his triangle.

It may be objected that generalizations about the Liberal mind based on anything that comes out of Mrs. Roosevelt are invalid. I disagree. The index to the intellectual sensitivity of a person

is not only what comes out of him, but what he puts up with from others. Has anyone here ever heard any stentorian voice from Liberaldom register dismay at this or any other of the intellectual monstrosities mothered by this woman?

No: Mrs. Roosevelt is a certified Liberal, and I know of no one who refuses to acknowledge her license as a spokesman for American Liberalism. In quoting her I do not pretend to be quoting from a first-ranking Liberal scholar or philosopher; but I do ask why first-ranking Liberal scholars and philosophers and thoughtful laymen countenance her. It must be either because (a) they are aware that Mrs. Roosevelt's close personal and political association with her husband invested her with a glamor which is highly utilitarian, or (b), (and this is both more plausible and more charitable), not knowing themselves how to think, they are incompetent to recognize that Mrs. Roosevelt does not know how to think.

However farfetched this explanation may appear, how else do you account for it? The Liberal community never seems to have enough of her. Colleges stand in line to award her honorary degrees; she is forever speaking to any group on the subject of anything, and her annual books are snuggled close to the Liberal bosom. Only very, very seldom do they meet up with condign punishment. This happened with Mrs. Roosevelt's last book, which was unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of a man who *does* know how to think, Professor James Burnham.

Wrote Mr. Burnham:

In *India and the Awakening East*, Mrs. Roosevelt was able to complete her flower-strewn march unpricked by the thorns of reason....

Like all her writing, the contents and prose of this book avoid excessive demands on her readers. In crossing from the Arab lands into Israel she has in one striking way a curious experience: the population, she finds, is predominantly Jewish....

In another passage she tells us about Mr. Sudhir Ghosh, whose enthusiasm inspires one with confidence! What is a rational being to make of such a phrase? Enthusiasm inspires one with confidence? By the record, Hitler was the most enthusiastic man of our time, and Father Coughlin, Mao, Huey Long, and Lenin are not far behind. So therefore? But the phrase is of course not rational, nor the expression of reason....

This furious energy, to which a gigantic ego frantically clings... is like a great tank with a drunken driver, loose in the crowded-streets of a city. It is the onrush of sentiment, unguided and unrestrained by intelligence, reason, or principle. Over whatever subject, problem, plan, or issue Mrs. Roosevelt touches, she spreads a squidlike ink of directionless feeling. All distinctions are blurred, all analysis fouled, and in that murk clear thought is forever impossible.

Still — Mrs. Roosevelt is one woman, and there are many Liberals, so, properly, we must move on.

## BIT OF AMERICAN!

Rather than to quote, at this point, a single Liberal spokesman, let me quote virtually all of them. Let me quote the president of the League of Women Voters of Middletown, Indiana, the book reviewer of the country weekly, the minister of the local church, the professor of politics at Harvard University, and the editor of the *New York Times*:

**QUOTE:** *The fact remains that not one conviction has resulted from the activities of Senator McCarthy.* It follows that his career has been useless.

I submit that this bit of Americana is as representative a *Liberal* statement as any in our history—and that it tells us rather a lot about the Liberals' capacity for logical and meaningful thought. Allow me to analyze it by quoting Senator McCarthy himself. Let me quote a few paragraphs from his testimony last summer before the Jenner Committee on congressional investigating procedures. I quote now from a man who above all others, the Liberals assure us, knows neither how to think, nor what to think. Bearing this in mind, compare the quality of thought in the ensuing words with that embodied in the daily anti-McCarthy editorial or speech we all read or hear:

Let me, at this point, [said Senator McCarthy to the Jenner Committee] address myself to another prominent misapprehension, the effects of which beat down upon me and our committee as regularly as the sun rises. That is the eternal war whoop: How many convictions have you gotten? Not many? Then it follows that your work has been either unnecessary or incompetent.

It is not the function of a congress-

sional committee to get either indictments or convictions. Frequently, committee work does lead down the path to the Justice Department. But convictions most often result from the activities of those committees that address themselves to out-and-out lawbreaking—to graft, corruption, income tax evasion, etc.

In the field of security, an indictment or a conviction is extremely hard to get—not because there are, say, fewer Communists in this country than there are income tax evaders. [But] a successful Communist is precisely that person who is skilled in throwing you and me off his tracks. In self-defense, then, it became the policy of the federal government to weed out of government all persons about whose loyalty there is a reasonable doubt—not just those persons who can definitely be established to be agents of the Soviet Union.

The government does not go on to prosecute, nor should it—nor could it under the Constitution—the federal employee about whose loyalty there is merely a reasonable doubt: it is satisfied to dismiss him from federal service. It has been my principal concern, over the past years, to rout security risks out of government and defense industries.

My chief concern has not been, in other words, to bring to trial those responsible for espionage and policy sabotage that has already been committed, but rather to prevent future espionage and policy sabotage. Every time a security risk is ejected from a sensitive agency of government or a defense plant, a step has been taken to guard against the possibility of future espionage. It is not as glamorous or as spectacular to prevent a future Alger Hiss from changing the course of history at a future Yalta as it is to detect an Alger Hiss who *did* change the course of history at a past Yalta.

But I am more interested in preventing future Yaltas than in punishing those to blame for past ones—even if this means that I am not in a position to dangle a welter of scalps in the faces of my critics who, for a reason I cannot hope to

understand, seem to be saying that my activities and those of our committee are not justified unless we produce a daily quota of traitors who have *already* stabbed this nation in the back. It is not enough, it seems, that we are devoting ourselves to insuring, as best we can, that she shall not be stabbed in the back at some future moment.

There is more depth, more attention to logical process, and a greater respect for intelligence in these few paragraphs than in volumes on the subject by the most expensive Liberal educators, editors, and publicists.

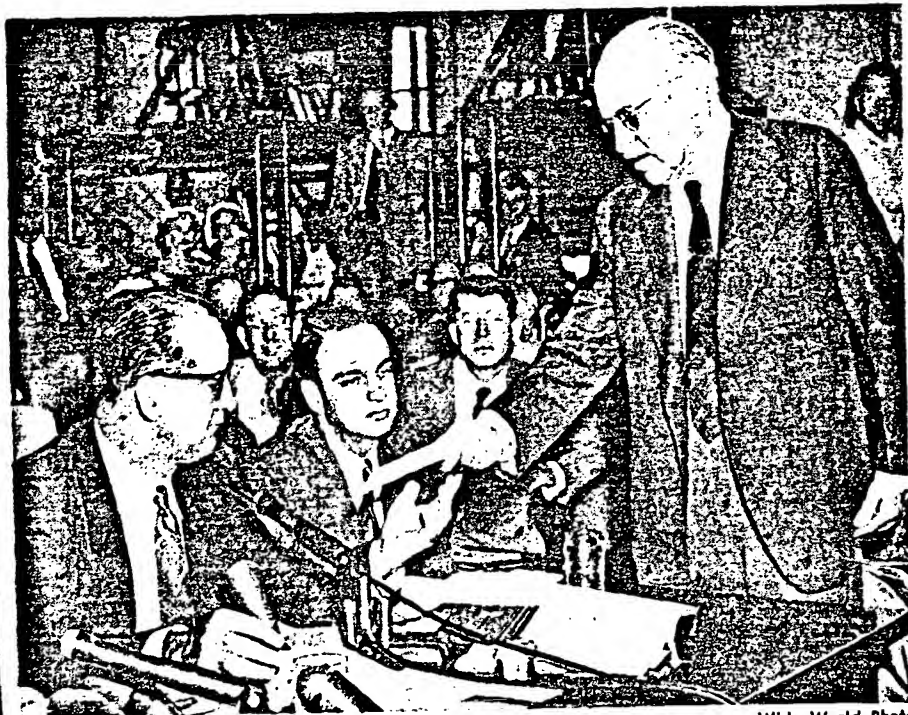
I have given just a few illustrations of representative *Liberal* logic, and move now to an examination of another category of *Liberal* thinking, still under the broad heading of irrationality.

## HOBGOBLIN OF LITTLE MINDS!

I have on several occasions heard Liberals patronizingly dismiss any complaint about their inconsistencies by quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson, I think it was, who remarked that "a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." Emerson was right; but not so the Liberals who lean on him so heavily. If today we write a check on insufficient funds, it would be foolish indeed if in the future we were to bemoan the "inconsistency" involved in writing checks on existing deposits. Nor can any reasonable member of this community criticize a regenerated Louis Budenz for the inconsistency of opposing, in 1954, the same dictatorship of the proletariat he supported so ardently in 1944.

Just the same, consistency is not a supernumerary virtue. For basically, consistency is justice, and therefore the inconsistent man, or the man who tolerates or supports inconsistency, is an unjust man. The law, for example, seeking justice, metes out the same penalty for the same offense. The society that sentences one drunkard to twenty-four hours in jail and another to the electric chair is unjust and could expect no quarter from Mr. Emerson; but this is the kind of inconsistency that, due to the curious workings of his mind, time and time again the Liberal is guilty of.

An example or two: Senator Ralph Flanders gets up on the floor of the Senate and asks whether or not an unnatural relationship between Roy Cohn and David Schine and Senator McCarthy doesn't satisfactorily explain their behavior throughout the Army episode. Good show, the Liberals seem to say, in unison; and immediately the wheels turn, the sabres flash, and before you know it our publicists have ground out a new folk hero—the granite-faced, jut-jawed, tough-talking New England dragon-killer; Edward Murrow's taut face momentarily relaxes as he smiling contemplates the essential goodness of man and democracy, and the sophisticated and calloused National Press Club in Washington breaks precedent to give



—Wide World Photo  
Senator Ralph Flanders (right) hands Sen. Joe McCarthy written notice that he will attack him on the Senate floor. The presentation was made during Senate probe of the McCarthy-Army dispute.

Senator Flanders a standing ovation.

One reporter was so uncouth as to press the matter, asking Senator Flanders to crystallize his charges: Are you, said the reporter, are you saying that these men are perverts? Certainly not, said the Senator: I am merely asking questions.

Let us take a hypothetical situation. Tomorrow, President Eisenhower authorizes our ambassador in Japan to consent to limited trade between Japan and Red China. Senator McCarthy gets up on the floor and suggests that the action of the President is satisfactorily explained if one assumes he is a member of the Communist party. To those who immediately roar out their indignation he says, simply: I'm not accusing the President of being a Communist. I'm just asking questions . . .

It is as simple as that. Flanders can get away with something McCarthy, or Jenner, or Taft, or Knowland could never get away with. The Liberal community deals differently with the same offense, depending on who commits it and against whom it is committed.

A year ago Senator McCarthy said to a general in the United States Army, "Any general who says 'I will protect another general who protected Communists' is not fit to wear that uniform." The Liberal community fairly exploded with outrage. For General Zwicker had been decorated for bravery. (Anyone decorated for bravery, the Liberal seems to be saying, cannot, no matter what he subsequently does, be considered as unfit to wear a uniform. But it is not the irrelevance of this defense of General Zwicker that concerns us, here in a discussion of Liberal inconsistency.)

A Senate committee recommended McCarthy be censured for that one, and the Senate came mighty close to acting on the committee's recommendations. It didn't, finally; but its refusal to do so enraged the Liberals, one and all; we are guilty of letting down a man who has fought valiantly for his country, they said; so in their own minds, they censured McCarthy for this outrage.

A month or so after McCarthy had thus spoken to Zwicker, another legislator paid his respects, face to face, to another man with a distinguished background of military service, a fellow legislator. This congressman was decorated during the first world war with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Purple Heart; he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm, he was cited for bravery by Marshal Petain, by General Edward, by General Hale, and by General Lewis. His name is B. Carroll Reece, and the assault upon him was made by Congressman Wayne Hays during a committee hearing over which Reece was presiding:

Hays: I will say this to (you) . . . that

out where I come from we have a saying that if a man double-crosses you once, that is his fault; if he double-crosses you twice, that is your fault. I just want you to know you won't get the second opportunity.

Reece: . . . there is no living man can justifiably say that. . . (I) have ever double-crossed anybody or . . . failed to keep . . . (my) word.

Hays: I am saying both . . . is that clear enough? There is no inference there, is there?

Reece: That does not disturb me a particle.

Hays: I know. You are pretty hard to disturb. I thought they had more guts in Tennessee.

As far as I know, there has not been a single editorial in the *New York Times* urging that Congressman Hays be censured, not one manifesto from the committee for an effective Congress, nor an extra million dollars appropriated by the Fund for the Republic to look into the threat of "Haysism." In fact, I know of not one Liberal, prominent or not, who has suggested censure or even a mild reprimand. The best I could get out of Liberal publicist George Hamilton Combs—whose fulminations over the Zwicker incident shattered steel and concrete — and that only after usasion, cajolery, and threats, was that "perhaps Mr. Hays' conduct was a little undisciplined." And this, of course, is why: In the one case it was an outsider who was being abusive; in the other it was a fellow Liberal who, what is more, was engaged in obstructing an inquiry into the ideological bases of the great foundations, which, because they are virtually all run by Liberals, are by definition not investigable.

I submit that if McCarthy were to use such language as Hays used on the chairman of any committee of which he is a member, or were to employ such tactics, he would be run out of Washington with wet towels. Certainly he would activate the otherwise listless editorial writers of the *New York Times*.

#### NOT A WASHABLE EXPLANATION!

It is possible to maintain that such inconsistencies as these, and a thousand others that could readily be enumerated, reflect not on the Liberal mind, but on the Liberal temperament. Everyone loses control of himself, after all; and in the heat of the occasion we are all likely to apply one set of standards to those we approve of and another to those we do not.

I believe that such an explanation does not wash. For one thing, no human being loses his temper as often as a Liberal is inconsistent. And anyway, most Liberals are icy men who think in refrigerated offices, where passion is not admitted. Who ever heard of Walter Lippmann being carried away? No, I submit that the inconsistency of the Liberal is traceable neither to unbridled

emotion nor to opportunism — but rather to his fundamental incapacity to think objectively. What I am saying is most of the time the Liberal doesn't know he's being inconsistent, doesn't know he's being unjust. He is so built that he cannot in a controversy in which he is committed, see the parallels in two situations; he moves not by reason but by instinct; he is the man who is truly prejudiced; for he consistently prejudices men and situations. The certified Liberal — the Eleanor Roosevelt, the Wayne Hays — cannot err; in going after Roy Cohn and Joseph McCarthy and Carroll Reece they cannot stumble, therefore they do not stumble, therefore the decent, the well disposed and the industrious of the community can give them their unthinking support; which is the type of support the Liberal characteristically extends.

Lack of objectivity leads to inconsistency, but it betrays, also, an incapacity to assess evidence; and this is the third aspect of the Liberal's irrationality.

The first illustration that comes to mind here is the most obvious, perhaps even the most written about. I mean, of course, our putative reign of terror. I haven't the energy to catalogue, once again, sample Liberal statements about our reign of terror, not even the more hilarious ones about how we go to jail if we read Thomas Jefferson, or get starved out by the American Legion if



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Congressmen Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio), above, and B. Carroll Reece (R-Tenn.) were central figures in a heated exchange during a House committee hearing which Reece headed.



we buy an English car. What I am getting at is neatly and simply synthesized in just one magazine piece by one author—Robert Maynard Hutchins, writing for *Look* magazine last spring. It was an orthodox reign-of-terror piece, climaxed by the assertion that it was no longer safe to give money to Harvard University.

Now here is a man who at the age of twenty-eight was appointed Dean of the Yale Law School, and who by the time he was thirty was recognized as such an articulate and important critic of American education that he was handed a whole university to experiment with, which he did, for twenty years or so. He ripped the curriculum to pieces; he swept away academic cobwebs; he instituted new courses, wiped out others; he brought in new professors and fired football coaches, and resurrected great books; and throughout it all he swore by all the gods that he meant to do one thing: He meant to educate. He meant to teach his students how to think.

And thirty years later, while still upholding his educational theories against all comers, he writes this kind of foolishness about the world we live in. Knowing of his respect for Plato, I wonder if Plato's dictum that the educated man is one who can "see things as they are" doesn't make him fidgety. Or whether, given his respect for Descartes, who said, *I think therefore I am*, Mr. Hutchins can even be sure he exists. After finishing that article in *Look*, bearing in mind Mr. Hutchins' pretensions, I could imagine anything—could imagine Lucky Luciano writing a book about how to live one's life at peace with one's God and one's neighbor, or a 250-pound lady lecturing on her patented formula for keeping thin. Surely to bring in Mr. Hutchins to head a university which proposes to teach students how to *think* is like bringing in as chief pilot for Pan American Airways a man with St. Vitus' dance.

I exaggerate, you feel. I oversimplify. But I don't. I maintain that there isn't a dialectical magician in this country—or even one in England—who can prove I am wrong in concluding that the man who points to that ceiling and says "That is a cumulus cloud" is blind; and I say that the man who reports that there is a reign of terror on in this country cannot assess evidence, cannot, for all intents and purposes, think; and that's the shoe that fits Robert Hutchins, who has been given fifteen million dollars by the Ford Foundation to *prove* that war is peace, slavery is freedom, hysteria is sanity.

#### PUBLIC PROTESTS DEMANDED A SCALP

One or two other illustrations of the incapacity of the Liberal to assess evidence, and I must move on to other characteristics of his mind. One thinks im-



—Wide World Photo  
Robert M. Hutchins

mediately of the J. B. Matthews episode.

In an article of a series which described the Communist penetration of our institutions, Mr. Matthews came, in due course, to our churches. And he began his article on them by making a purely statistical observation which he backed up in the body of the article itself by listing the names of many of the unfortunate clergymen who had associated themselves, for the most part during a period of moral and intellectual blackout, with one or more Communist enterprises.

The article in question was written for a conservative magazine, thus quite a while elapsed before anyone read it. But then someone did, and there was hell to pay for this assault on Christianity which, incredibly, is what it grew to be after the Liberals were through with it. A senator of the United States said, publicly, "When someone makes charges so foul, he ought to have the courage to name names." Our Liberal leaders fell all over each other making public protests, and demanding J. B. Matthews' scalp. Inevitably, it was delivered unto them. Only then did the Liberals feel that the crisis was past, that they could go back and preach about how ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The afternoon that I heard that J. B. Matthews was fired—without a hearing, without any specific challenge to any of the data on the basis of which he made his generalization—that afternoon I felt the Liberals were through. The meaning of the J. B. Matthews episode would suddenly dawn upon the community, and never again, no never, not even at college commencements, could any of these people talk about—how does it go? "We shall seek the truth and endure the consequences?"—or about the presumption of innocence, or about a fair hearing, or about hysteria—without sending the audience into gales of

laughter. I expected, and I am quite serious, that the social significance of the slogan, "Remember J. B. Matthews," would far outweigh in history, the military significance of the war-cry, "Remember the Alamo."

The mistake I made is obvious, and will probably strike most of my readers as childish. I had assumed that the Liberals would recognize that they had sinned; and that having done so, they would repent and reform. How innocent I was. For the most part, they do not know—to this day—the meaning of what they did. And the balance, those who know, don't care. To say "Remember J. B. Matthews!" to a *Liberal* audience communicates about as much as "Dig that crazy mixed-up square" would to a group of Oxford dons.

A final word about the Liberal and objective evidence. The research of the past ten years has made it literally impossible to uphold, rationally, the position that an attack by the Japanese, in one form or another, came in 1941 as a complete surprise to President Roosevelt and his close associates. But no evidence—of any kind—will alter the *Liberal* version of Pearl Harbor. Neither cleft mountains, separated seas, nor signs in the sky testifying to the truth will shake the Liberals' faith in Mr. Roosevelt as a "first principle," or their belief in his infallibility and omniscience as its corollaries. Not even a Liberal himself, not even an illustrious one, can do anything about this intellectual commitment. Charles Beard tried it, and they hounded him out of public life. What goes on. I asked a shrewd man, after reading a bitter excoriation of Beard by one of the court historians over at Columbia University in 1947, "It's as simple as this," he told me, "The greatest historian of our time has tackled the greatest politician of our time. There's no doubt about who is going to win."

To sum up. *When the Liberal* thinks, he tends to think illogically. He tends, moreover, to be inconsistent, and to ignore any evidence that fails to harmonize with the verdict he proposes at all cost to support.

Such are the qualifications of our intellectual elite.

#### THE "ARMCHAIR" LIBERAL

Another fundamental characteristic of the Liberal mind, related to and perhaps responsible for some of its inconsistencies, is intolerance. The storied Liberal who reposes in his armchair and reviews, conscientiously, kindly, ungrudgingly, the parade of ideas that differ from his own, bears very little resemblance to the dogmatic, trigger-happy Liberal of today. The Liberal today makes of intolerance a way of life. Having prescribed the limits within which political discussion may safely go forward, he enforces those limits by



ruthless and unscrupulous persecution of nonconformity.

Certain ideas, the Liberal seems to be saying, cannot reasonably or morally be held by men who live in the twentieth century. No one, for example, may hold that a federal system of social security is unwarranted or unwise. No one may question the value of a progressive income tax either as an instrument of money-raising, or as a social equalizer. No one can oppose a Federal Fair Employment Practices Act; no one can question the right of labor unions to bargain on an industry-wide basis; and no one, without losing his chastity, may inquire into the validity of the institution known as "academic freedom." These are just a few of the taboos, of course, and they are mentioned only for illustration.

Largely, I suppose, because by the time his mind has developed it is conditioned to overlook evidence which supports conclusions different from his own, the Liberal fights hard and wantonly against those who hold such views. And the weapons he feels entitled to use, in behalf of Liberalism, are those whose use by others shocks and enrages him. A few weeks ago I saw a copy of the following letter, which I quote in its entirety:

Dear Ken:

I thought I wrote you once before asking you to take me off the mailing list of your disgusting communication. It does not give me any pleasure to find in my mail a copy of a letter to Senator Jenner, who is so obviously disloyal to everything that America stands for, and a letter, moreover, which so clearly indicates the same kind of disloyalty in its writer.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH ALSOP

Notice that Senator Jenner is not "mistaken," he is not "stupid," he is not "ignorant," he is "disloyal." More disloyal than John Carter Vincent, John Paton Davies, John Stewart Service, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and heaven only knows how many security risks Alsop has written tear-drenched and venomous columns in defense of.

Let me put it this way. I don't think either John Carter Vincent or William E. Jenner ought to be spoken of as disloyal even in the diluted sense in which (let us by all means assume) Alsop was using that word in his nasty letter to his cousin (Ken's his cousin). And I know that Mr. Alsop agrees with me, for he has often, over the years, expressed his contempt and anger for those who use that word lightly. What I should like to know is why he feels free to refer to Senator Jenner as disloyal? But we will never know. We will never know, I fear, what it is that makes Liberals that way; but we must know that they are that way; we must know that the hatred that they feel for anyone who disagrees with them twists their minds and poisons their hearts, and that beneath the suave

and urbane exteriors that these worldly men exhibit in public and in private there are storms raging that rock any attempt at seasoned and calm and open-minded thought in any area in which they are deeply committed.

Let me quote from the *Congressional Record* of May 14 of last year. A Senator got up and addressed the chair as follows: "Mr. President," he said, "I wish, for the record, to correct a lie printed in the *Washington Post* of this morning. The lie is carried in the column of the unsavory character called"—but let's not identify the columnist at this moment.

The Senator then went on to quote the statement to which he objected—a statement which spoke of a political alliance in the Senator's home state. Said the Senator: "The writer, of course, knew when he wrote this falsehood that it was false, for he originated it... I should like to suggest to the *Washington Post* that it should not permit its pages to be used for the continuing dissemination of lies manufactured by this man. Furthermore, I think it owes it to its readers to make a thorough investigation of the past record of this man and to publish it, so that all who are subjected to his propaganda may know the character and reliability of its source... it is impossible" to discover the truth "when the pages of the press are permeated with deliberate lies."

Well, well. Who do you suppose this columnist is? This brazen liar, this unscrupulous troublemaker? Several names come to mind. Was it Ilya Ehrenburg or Gerald L. K. Smith? It wasn't, of course; it wasn't Drew Pearson, either. It was George Sokolsky—perhaps the most sober, and reliable, and certainly the most courteous political columnist in the United States today. And who do you suppose made such a savage attack on Sokolsky? It was none other than



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J. B. Matthews

J. William Fulbright, the loftiest Liberal in the Senate, the idol of the *Liberal* community, who through a vast program of international scholarships has struck mighty blows in behalf of World Understanding and Tolerance. It's the Robert Hutchins story all over again. Get yourself educated so you'll learn to know we're living under a reign of terror. Get yourself educated so that when you grow up you'll be tolerant like Senator Fulbright and know enough to recognize a pathological and perverted liar like George Sokolsky when you see one.

Note, too, Senator Fulbright's call for (a) an investigation of George Sokolsky (how ironic from a man who has, in effect, so diligently opposed investigations of men and groups which, some people think, pose rather a greater threat than does George Sokolsky); and note how Senator Fulbright is (b) calling on the *Washington Post* to drop George Sokolsky's column from its pages. For years the *Post* has run the outpourings of a man who indeed is—and can be demonstrated to be—a practiced liar. I mean Drew Pearson, of course. But Drew Pearson generally lies in behalf of Liberals, and against conservatives; he doesn't, therefore, excite the opposition of Senator Fulbright. But George Sokolsky does—because he is a conservative, and because some of his views fall outside the limits of tolerable opinion. That, and only that—nothing more—can explain the character of this frenzied outbreak of the former president of the University of Arkansas.

#### A CHOICE EXERCISE IN BOOK BURNING

As revealing an illustration as any I know of the determination of the Liberal to translate his intolerance into binding social rules which would have the effect of reading out of the community all dissent from the Liberal position—is contained in a recent column in the *New York Herald Tribune* by radio and TV-man John Crosby.

One day last May he devoted his column to the television program, *Author Meets the Critics*. He started out by denouncing Admiral Theobald, whose book, *The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor*, had been discussed on that program the night before. Admiral Theobald's charges were—I quote Crosby—"fantastic." "The Pearl Harbor attack has been the object of eight separate investigations," said Mr. Crosby, "which produced literally tons of testimony, evidence and opinion. There are no new facts in the Theobald book—how could there be—" (you see here a first-rate illustration of what I mean when I say that the Liberal postulates the correctness of his position and then—at this point quite logically—goes on to deduce that all factual data, known or unknown, must by definition support his position); there are no new facts, there are "only new and, according to all reliable



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George Sokolsky (left) and Sen. J. William Fulbright.

historians, absolutely unwarranted conclusions as to the motives of the President of the United States." Note, again, "according to all reliable historians." If this means anything, it means, very simply, that no one who differs from the Liberals—from Mr. Crosby if you like—is reliable. It means literally nothing else, because surely there are no other grounds for calling, say, Charles Tansill, Harry Elmer Barnes, or Charles Beard "unreliable" historians.

And then Mr. Crosby came to the heart of the matter. He certainly wasn't going to waste one whole column simply denouncing Admiral Theobald. That would be just destructive criticism. Crosby wanted to be constructive. He wanted to see to it that Admiral Theobalds didn't happen again. So he comes out and says it—"But what is such a book doing on *Author Meets the Critics* ...? The program is on the air only once a week and consequently it can take on, at most, only fifty-two books a year....

"You would think that *Author Meets the Critics* would tackle only those books which a consensus of the critics agreed were the best to come along...."

A "consensus" of the critics. Reliable critics, that is, Liberals.

Not only has Mr. Crosby in just so many words completed one of the choicest exercises in contemporary book burning, he probably doesn't, to this day, know, and I doubt if he will know it on the day he dies, he doesn't know what he did. Because, for the most part, the Liberals know not what they do.

Let me give a final illustration of this sort of thing. Everybody has been doing rather a lot of talking lately about the great foundations, due largely to the filing of the report of Carroll Reece's investigating committee.

It has been proved that there has been a measure of Communist infiltration of the foundations, true, but very little of it, as the Reece report indicates. What there has been, demonstrably, is wholesale infiltration of the foundations by American Liberals, so much of it that, it is fair to say, the Liberals today dominate the major foundations in America.

Now for some reason, a statement as straightforward as the one I have just made outrages the Liberals. Particularly if one goes on from here to point out that much of the money spent by these

Liberal-controlled foundations has in the past and, predictably, will in the future be used in pursuit of Liberal goals, and that these goals are definable.

Suppose I were to set up a foundation, and that I named as president of that foundation John T. Flynn, as secretary George Sokolsky, as treasurer Fulton Lewis, Jr., and as corresponding secretary Westbrook Pegler. Suppose someone referred to my foundation as *conservative*. If I objected to this description, wouldn't I be considered a lunatic? "Of course that's a conservative foundation," all reasonable men would agree. And since dollars don't spend themselves, checks don't write themselves out, and grants are not made to those who pick the winner of the Irish Sweepstakes, *somebody* will have to spend those dollars, *somebody* will have to write out those checks, and *somebody* will have to select the recipients of that grant. And that *somebody* will bring his values along when he makes these decisions, and, inevitably, the foundation will take on the political and philosophical flavor of the men who run it.

Now I maintain that all *reasonable* men must by the same token agree that any organization whose central figures are Robert Hutchins, Paul Hoffman, Clifford Case, and Elmer Davis is as demonstrably Liberal as my hypothetical foundation would be, demonstrably, conservative. It follows that all those who refuse to acknowledge this are unreasonable men as, indeed, I have been contending. Liberals by and large are. But not only do the Liberals refuse to concede any such thing about any of these foundations, they viciously and ruthlessly harass and boycott any foundation that devotes as much as *half* of its time to presenting the conservative view. This, basically, is at the heart of *Liberal* opposition to Facts Forum. Facts Forum, which is staffed to a recognizable degree by conservatives, nevertheless devotes half of its resources to putting forward the Liberal view. But the other half of the time it presents the conservative view—and this is not permissible, as any Liberal will tell you, in his sleep.

This intolerance takes on, inevitably, a most serious shape. It becomes, as we have seen, the agent of book burning, of the suppression of free speech and research. It becomes also the agent of political authoritarianism. I have often followed the lead of Mr. Eugene Lyons in using the descriptive adjective *totalitarian* immediately in front of the word *Liberal*, and I was not just name-calling. I have meant that the Liberal movement has totalitarian tendencies, and I mean it now when I contend that the Liberal is basically undemocratic. He is basically against coexistence—with anyone on his *right*. And the triumph of his intolerance is the virtual disappear-

ance of the two-party system.

I first caught on to the Liberal political game many years, I am certain, after most of you did. It happened to me rather suddenly, in the spring of 1950, after reading an article in the *New York Times Magazine* called "The Need for an Intelligent Opposition." The article was written by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. He was reading not only the Republican party and its leaders, but all conservatives as well, a little lecture, the gist of which was this: We *Liberals*, said Schlesinger, think it's important for you conservatives to be around. It gets stagnant otherwise; it keeps us on our toes to have to cope with you. We're all for you.

There's only one thing, though, he added. And that is, you must be intelligent. Otherwise you're of no use to us, to yourselves, or to anyone.

Mr. Schlesinger then proceeded to tell us how to be intelligent. What it amounted to, was for us to desert our principles and embrace his. At that point we would qualify as an "intelligent opposition."

A few months later Mr. Herbert Agar, writing in *Harper's Magazine*, came through with an article on almost precisely the same question, and suggesting exactly the same road for conservative salvation.

Now one would think that Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Agar, and their disingenuous crusade for a renaissance of conservatism, would have been laughed off by our intelligent conservatives. Far from it. Perhaps there weren't enough intelligent conservatives who saw through this thinly disguised appeal for a two-party, one-platform political system. Either that, or there were enough intelligent men who saw through it, but they were not conservative. In any case, it is a matter of fact that the Liberals now control both the Democratic and the Republican parties, and mean to continue to do so, as, presumably, they mean also to continue to oppose each other "intelligently" on such questions as whether we ought to give away six billion dollars or only five and one-half billion, or whether federal social security ought to cover fifty million people or only forty-eight million, or whether the minimum wage ought to be one dollar or eighty-five cents.

The clearest exhibition I have seen—and at that one written by a right-wing Liberal—of the Liberal-political thought process appeared in the *New York Times* in an article by Mr. Arthur Krock in September, 1952, in the middle of the presidential election campaign. The night before, in Portland, Oregon, Adlai Stevenson had made a speech in which he chided editors and columnists throughout the country for committing themselves to supporting

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# OPPENHEIMER STORY

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the Oppenheimer brothers, Dr. Weinberg, Dr. Bohm, Dr. Hawkins, Fuchs and other Communists made important contributions to its development. The real mistake was after the war, in permitting the American people and even the Congress of the United States to think that the bomb was an American secret and therefore it was safe to disarm in face of the Soviet's overwhelming superiority in other fields. Those responsible for this terrible blunder have on their shoulders the responsibility for the death of every American boy killed in Korea. Without the mistaken belief in America's sole possession of atomic secrets the people would never have permitted our reduction of other armaments to such a dangerous level that the Communist invasion of Korea became possible.

After discussing the background of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and his wife Katherine in considerable detail, I said:

Perhaps I have devoted too much attention to one individual. And before I leave this point I wish to make clear for the record that I have no personal knowledge of actual espionage on Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's part—or that of his brother. I do not know what his present attitude



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Frank Oppenheimer

is to the Soviet Union and the Communist party, although thorough investigations will show evidence of Communist activities of both brothers at surprisingly recent dates. // Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer is anti-Soviet today, he should come forward with the full and complete details of his previous associations with the Communist movement—and his wife's connections. And he should publicly denounce the actions of his brother Frank, who refused to give information of vital importance to the country regarding his former associates in the party.

The Communist party is not and never has been a pink tea party of discussion groups and idealists. It is and always has

been a cold-blooded hard disciplined organization of revolutionists dedicated to the overthrow of the government of the United States by brute force. It has always been and still is devoted to the aim of aiding the Soviet Union to win a war over the United States—the "last citadel of world capitalism." The party has never permitted anyone to remain a member... who did not believe in armed overthrow of the government. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who has been a subscriber to the Communist daily papers since 1938 (and probably earlier), his brother Frank, also a subscriber to the Communist press for years, and the others in that special section in Alameda County all knew these facts only too well. Espionage... should not be surprising in a party openly dedicated to the aim of bringing about the defeat of "one's own government" and the armed victory of the Soviet Union over the United States. That is only a detail in the process.

A full scale and public investigation of atomic espionage and the role of the Communist party in connection with it should be made by the United States Senate. There should be no "sacred cows," no names free from the light of truth and evidence. All former Communists who have broken with the party must be called upon to come forward and tell the truth and all the truth: those who refuse to do so must be regarded as still Communists and traitors to their country in this hour of great danger.

The Senate committee planned a thorough investigation and executive and public hearings. I was told that my wife and I would soon face Dr. Oppenheimer and his wife before the committee.

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Newport News	WACH-AM**	1270	To be announced
	WACH-AM*	1270	To be announced
	WACH-TV*	33	To be announced
	WACH-TV**	33	To be announced
Orange	WJMA**	1340	Sun 9:30 p
Roanoke	WSLS-TV*	10	Sat 2:30 p
	WSLS-TV**	10	Sat 2:30 p
Staunton	WAFB*	900	Sun 12:00 n
Suffolk	WLPM*	1450	
	WLPM**	1450	
Waynesboro	WAYB*		To be announced
Winchester	WINC-WRFL*	1400	Tues 5:45 p
WASHINGTON			
Bellingham	KPUG*	1170	Sun 8:30 p
Everett	KRKO*	1380	Sun 8:30 p
Grand Coulee	KFDR*	1400	Sun 8:30 p
Moses Lake	KSEM*	1450	Wed 6:30 p
	KSEM**	1450	Sat 8:30 p
Olympia	KGY*	1240	Sun 8:30 p
Pullman	KOFE*	1150	Sun 10:45 a
	KOFE**	1150	Sun 2:00 p
Seattle	KOMO*	1070	Mon 6:30 p
	KVII*	5	Sun 8:30 p
Spokane	KHO-TV*	6	Sun 5:30 p
Tacoma	KTAC*	850	Wed 9:15 p
WEST VIRGINIA			
Bluefield	WKQY*	1240	Mon 9:30 p
Charleston	WCWA*	1400	Sun 8:00 p
Elkins	WDNE*	1240	Mon 9:30 p
Fairmont	WJPB-TV*	35	Thurs 9:30 p
	WJPB-TV**	35	Thurs 9:30 p
Huntington	WPLH*	1450	Mon 9:30 p
Morgantown	WJBR*	1230	Mon 9:30 p
Oak Hill	WOAY-TV*	4	Sun 7:00 p
	WOAY-TV**	4	Sun 5:00 p
Parkersburg	WCEF*	1050	To be announced
	WTAI-TV*	15	Wed 9:30 p
	WTAI-TV**	15	Sun 5:30 p
Wheeling	WKWK*		Sun 7:45 p
Williamson	WRTH*	1400	Mon 9:30 p
WISCONSIN			
Appleton	WHBY*	1230	Mon 8:30 p
Ashland	WATW*	1400	Mon 8:30 p
	WATW**	1400	Thurs 8:30 p
Eau Claire	WBIZ*	1400	Mon 8:30 p
Fond du Lac	KFIZ*	1450	Mon 8:30 p
	KFIZ**	1450	Thurs 8:30 p
Green Bay	WJPG*	1440	Mon 8:30 p
	WJPG**	1440	Thurs 8:30 p
Janerville	WCLO*	1230	Mon 8:30 p
La Crosse	WLCK*	1490	Mon 8:30 p
	WLCK**	1490	Thurs 8:00 p
Madison	WMFM*	104.1	Sun 8:00 p
Manitowoc	WWOC*	980	To be announced
Medford	WIGM*	1450	Mon 8:30 p
Richland Center	WRCO*	1450	To be announced
Sturgeon Bay	WDBR*	910	Sun
Two Rivers	WTRW*	1590	To be announced
	WTRW**	1590	To be announced
WYOMING			
Casper	KVOC*	1230	Sun 7:15 p
Cheyenne	KFBC-TV*	5	Sun 6:00 p
Cody	KODI*	1400	Tues 6:30 p
Lander	KOVE*	1230	Mon 7:30 p
	KOVE**	1230	Thurs 7:30 p
Powell	KPOW*	1260	Mon 7:30 p
	KPOW**	1260	Thurs 7:30 p
Sheridan	KWYO*	1410	Mon 7:30 p
	KWYO**	1410	Thurs 7:30 p
Torrington	KGOS*	1490	Tues 7:30 p

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sions there is apparently an emotional appeal and glamour, as it were a sense of adventure, inherent in the conspiratorial methods and purposive activity of the groups. With more sophisticated persons, fascination by what may appear to them to be the efficiency of the unusual and essentially totalitarian system of party organization through pyramiding cells may offer an attractive appeal.

In the vast majority of cases, one important element in the original appeal would seem to have been propaganda carried out by the Communist party for various measures of "social reform" in Canada. The policy of carrying on propaganda for various domestic measures which in themselves are calculated to appeal to a substantial section of the Canadian people, has obviously served two important objectives of the leaders of the Fifth Column.

In the first place, by associating such domestic propaganda, in the minds of as many people as possible, with the external propaganda of a particular foreign state, this policy serves in itself to "carry," by implication, that foreign state's propaganda. This is a common

and very effective nonrational technique of modern advertising. An obvious commercial example is the use of a pretty face in advertisements for cigarettes.

Secondly, such domestic propaganda has unquestionably played an important part in recruiting Canadians for the "development" courses calculated eventually to make these Canadians instruments for more sinister and illegal Fifth Column purposes.

By these means, a number of young Canadians, public servants and others, who begin with a desire to advance causes which they consider worthy, have been induced into joining study groups of the Communist party. They are persuaded to keep this adherence secret. They have then been led step by step along the ingenious psychological development courses we have outlined, until under the influence of sophisticated and unscrupulous leaders they have been persuaded to engage in illegal activities directed against the safety and interests of their own society.

Essentially what has happened is the transplanting of a conspiratorial technique, which was first developed in less fortunate countries to promote an underground struggle against tyranny, to a democratic society where it is singularly inappropriate.

# Communism and Intellectuals

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**SMOOT:** How do they answer that one?

**SCHWARZ:** They have the answer ready to the tip of their tongues. It is one word: and that word is science. "We are scientists. Science has remade the material world. Science has remade the world of agriculture. Science has remade the world of animal husbandry. And we're going to use science to remake mankind itself."

This also sounds good until the detail of this scientific process is revealed. The Communists say. "We are logical men. Science must operate in accordance with scientific laws, and these are the laws by which we must operate:

"Law No. 1: There is no God."

The Communists are proudly, unashamedly atheists in theory and in practice. They make no secret of this. One direct quote should suffice. I have here a book entitled *Religion*, by one Communist who never took refuge under the Fifth Amendment: V. I. Lenin. The opening sentence is all that is necessary.

"Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism."

When they deny God, they simultaneously deny every value that originates with God. They deny moral law, the Ten Commandments, absolute standards of right and wrong, truth and error. They destroy a whole civilization and culture. Man is left on the playing fields of the universe without an umpire—without a book of rules—so that the winning side can make up the rules as they go along.

The second law of communism concerns the nature of man. What is man? Whence does he come? Whither is he going? Why is he here? What significance has life, death, love, hate, joy, sorrow?

What is man? Communism answers: "Man is a material machine. Man is matter in motion, and nothing more. Man is a body. Within this body there is a stomach secreting gastric juice, a liver secreting bile, a brain secreting emotion and thought. Man has no soul, no spirit, no significant individual value, no continuity of life. Man is a beast."

**SMOOT:** Man is an animal! That, then, is the essence of Communist philosophy?

**SCHWARZ:** Yes! The Communists are fanatical, dogmatic, consistent Darwinian evolutionists. The three people who most influenced Karl Marx were Hegel, who taught him the dialectic; Feuer-

bach, who taught him materialism; and Darwin, who taught him evolution.

Communists believe that mankind can be reformed in exactly the same way as any other portion of the animal kingdom, and this is the key to their program for perfection of the human race. William Z. Foster, Chairman of the American Communist party, frankly expounds this in his book, *The Twilight of World Capitalism*, published in 1919. The culminating chapter is entitled, "The Advent of Socialist Man." He writes:

"But the biggest of all tasks to improve the physical well-being of humanity and thereby the broadening of the base for its freedom is to improve the human species itself in an evolutionary sense. The law of natural selection, which built the marvelous complexities of plant and animal species, no longer can work spontaneously. Now the evolution of the human species must be done artificially by the conscious action of man himself."

**SMOOT:** Men, then, are to be made over, not in the image of God, but in the image of some Socialist plan?

**SCHWARZ:** Exactly! A moment of intelligent contemplation of the Communists' artificially directing the evolution of the human species will conjure up terrifying visions.

The third law of communism concerns the origin of human intelligence, personality, character, and culture. Karl Marx taught, and the Communists have fanatically promulgated, the doctrine of economic determinism. This simply means that the qualities of an individual, the ideas of his mind, the emotions of his heart, the very love a mother bears to the children of her own body, the devotion of a citizen to his country, and the adoration of a worshiper of his God, are merely the projections into consciousness of the external economic environment. The name given to this doctrine is "economic determinism."

And upon these three basic laws—atheism, evolutionary materialism, and economic determinism—the entire Communist program for remaking mankind is built.

Since many individuals inhabit the same economic environment, they develop the same type of ideas, characters, and personalities, constituting themselves an economic class. This leads to the Marxist concept of the class structure of society, the class war, the triumph of the proletarian class, and the emergence of the classless society. The



—Wide World Photo

William Z. Foster

Communists believe the class of the future is what they call the proletarian class. All other classes must simply be exterminated.

You say to the Communists, "You inhuman monsters! You mean you'd murder millions of people in cold blood?"

They say, "What do you mean, murder? That's a bourgeois term. You mean kill them? Why, don't be childish. Of course we would! Why, nature's been killing people by the countless millions for millions of years—killing them by hunger, by famine, by war, by disease, by old age—killing them for no purpose. And if we hesitate to do that which is scientifically necessary to fulfill our destiny and re-create mankind, how unworthy of the trust history has imposed on us we would be. We're only animals. Where'd you get the idea you were important? That's merely the subjective projection in consciousness of your favored economic environment. As Lenin said, 'What's it matter if three-quarters of the world perish, provided the remaining quarter is Communist?'"

"The human species is very fertile. You can easily get plenty more. Put on a competition, breeding them up one a year. What's all the fuss about?"

**SMOOT:** People who believe such things think they can create a Socialist society which will be perfect?

**SCHWARZ:** They think that way. They act that way. They treat their own that way. And they're endeavoring to come this way to treat us and those we love that way. Once you deny God; once you deny the special creation of man; once you deny the love of God, you're naked and defenseless before the logic of the Communist argument.

To bring the matter close home, there is very good evidence to believe that the Communist party believes it will be necessary to exterminate at least one-third of the American people after their



advent to power. The motive for this is not hatred or punishment, but the logic of the scientific necessity of their program to artificially control the evolution of the human species. When they come for you to give you the treatment, with your family, of course, that they have so graciously given to millions on the face of the earth, you can comfort yourself with the thought that you're dying in the interest of the scientific perfection of the human race. You may find that some comfort, but personally I find it none whatever.

Communism is the literal fulfillment of Psalm 14. The fool that said in his heart, "there is no God," and emerging from the tainted source of godlessness and scientific materialism, the exterminating avalanche of communism is sweeping the earth.

In the last analysis, communism originates in three things: (1) materialistic philosophy; (2) scientific technique; and (3) religious fanaticism. It must

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"Communism does not arise where there is poverty. Communism arises out of a disease of modern capitalist society, particularly in the intelligentsia. . . . The Communists are always concerned with winning over the intellectuals, the opinion makers of society. Why is it so important to win over these people, even more important than to win over the trade unionists? . . . In a country like ours, where it is impossible, given the social structure, to have a mass Communist movement, the intellectual becomes extremely important as a means of spreading the party line. . . . What it comes down to is the need to set up echo chambers around the country, so that certain notions can enter general currency."

—Daniel Bell in *Jewish Labor Committee Outlook* (Autumn 1954).  
Quoted from J. B. Matthews in *American Mercury*, June 1955, p. 81.

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be met in all phases of its advance. To meet it there is necessary, firstly, a vast educational campaign of the very nature and being of this deadly and malignant enemy, that a real understanding of the danger may penetrate the consciousness, not of the isolated few, but of the great majority of the freedom-loving people whose very existence is so desperately threatened. Out of this understanding, a scientific program, not merely to contain, but to defeat this enemy must be formed.

And, lastly, any such program is doomed to failure unless it rests upon a devoted people, dedicated to the spiritual values of our Christian civilization. Faith can only be matched by faith, passion by passion, and sacrifice by sacrifice. And communism presents a challenge to intelligent sacrificial devotion as the very cornerstone of liberty and survival.

Dwight Eisenhower "long before," said Stevenson, "they knew what this candidate stood for, or what his party platform would be, or who his opponent was, or what would be the issues of the campaign."

So Arthur Krock sat down to explain a few realities to Mr. Adlai Stevenson, and he did this by reminding him of the nine calculations made by the average Liberal editor the previous spring.

1. Last spring, it had become clear to everyone that the Republican party would nominate either Eisenhower or Taft. Moreover, it was clear that Taft opposed Truman's foreign policy.

2. On the other hand, it was clear that General Eisenhower went along with Truman's foreign policy.

3. If Truman wanted to, he could get himself nominated by the Democratic party. He might be facing Taft, the candidate of the Republican party. And, to quote Mr. Krock, 'signs were numerous that in a Taft-Truman contest the Senator would have an excellent chance of election.'

4. I quote "To those who . . . believed (in Truman's foreign policy) the prospect of Taft as President was calamitous; and obviously the first and effective means of preventing this was the nomination of Eisenhower, the only other Republican who had a chance to be chosen by the party convention."

5. But 'newspapers and individuals who held this opinion would have had small influence with the Republican National Convention unless they indicated they were prepared to back Eisenhower in the campaign if nominated.'

6. Other Democratic contenders were also weak, and, (7), Stevenson was saying he was not a contender for the nomination.

Therefore, (8), 'To those newspapers and citizens that wanted Truman's foreign policy to be championed . . . the plain procedure was to attempt to assure this at the Republican convention (which came first) through the nomination of Eisenhower.'

And furthermore, (9), Stevenson ought to know this, as he too, surely, agrees that it would have been calamitous if Taft had got in.

This, in microcosm, is the Liberal primer on how to get your way no matter who wins. It's the political way of saying, heads I win, tails you lose. It is also a primer on how to end the two-party system in America. It is curious how much more successful the Liberals have been in their struggle against conservatives than in their struggle against Communists.

If what I say about the *Liberal* mind is true, what is in store for us? We know that politically the Liberals are too powerful for us to unseat, or at least I think they are. It follows that the Liberals will continue to preside over our war against communism, here and abroad. And, on the other hand, we know there is no chance whatever of changing the character of communism; so what is there left for us to do?

One attitude we might take, a highly tempting one as a matter of fact, is suggested by the answer made by a middle western farmer to an insurance man investigating a train wreck. The farmer was the sole witness, and he was asked to report exactly what he had seen.

"Well," he said, "I was plowing my field here when I saw the Twentieth Century Limited, over there on my right, moving along toward New York at about 80 miles an hour. Then I looked around and saw the Merchants Express going toward Chicago, at about 75 miles an hour. Then all of a sudden I realized they were on the same track."

"Well, what did you do about it," the insurance agent said excitedly. "Did you try to flag one of them down, or to get the attention of the engineers in any way? What did you do?"

"I didn't do anything," said the farmer, "I just sat there and thought to myself, this is a hell of a way to run a railroad!"

In twenty years we have fought two wars and, in the larger sense, lost them both. As the direct result of our foreign policy we now face, at point blank range, the most formidable enemy civilization has ever faced. In the meantime a revolution has taken place in the United States. We are losing our freedom; we are trading it, recklessly, for an illusory security in behalf of which we continue, wantonly, to turn over to the central government year in and year out more and more of the power without which we cannot long remain free.

Perhaps it is true that, as Whittaker Chambers wrote me recently, "it is idle to talk about preventing the wreck of Western civilization. It is already a wreck from within. That is why we can hope to do little more now than snatch a fingernail of a saint from the rack or a handful of ashes from the faggots, and bury them secretly in a flowerpot against the day, ages hence, when a few men begin again to dare to believe that there was once something else, that something else is thinkable, and need some evidence of what it was, and the fortifying knowledge that there were those who, at the great nightfall, took loving thought to preserve the tokens of hope and truth." It's a hell of a way to run a country, all right. But perhaps we will gain strength from adversity; perhaps the knowledge of what we are responsible for will some day confront us, and frighten us, and reform us and make us wise; perhaps, even, God will take pity on us. Let us hope so.

## FF PULSE RATING

Pulse, Inc., has completed its survey for the month of March, 1955. of the radio listening habits of the Raleigh, N. C., radio audience.

Facts Forum's 12-minute pro and con discussion of national issues by Dan Smoot, (WPTF, 680, 1:15-1:30 p.m. Sundays) received the highest rating of any program in that time segment—a rating of 6.0—which means that 29 per cent of all radios in use at that time were tuned to this program. The program with the next largest listening audience rated 3.0.

## What they're saying . . .



## about FACTS FORUM

This magazine is just the sort of thing we have needed for a long, long time. I am looking forward to the next issue.

Mrs. FRED E. ERTON  
State Chairman National Defense  
Oregon Society, DAR  
4812 N.E. Glisan St.  
Portland 13, Oregon

... Facts Forum News is a wonderful magazine to air our pros and cons. I read it from cover to cover, find it enlightening and educational, and then send it on to others.

DR. BERTHA B. LININGER  
1349 Cherokee, Apt. 122  
Hollywood 28, Calif.

I was very much interested and impressed with the discussion between Mr. Dan Smoot and Dr. Fred C. Schwarz ["Communism and Intellectuals," p. 2]. ... I would greatly appreciate two copies....

CONGRESSMAN JACKSON B. CHASE (R-Neb.)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

... Let me say that I consider your idea of giving the pros and cons of public questions a very good one—also your idea of forming discussion groups in local communities. These, together with your efforts to stimulate people to think about public questions by writing letters to editors, constitute a real public service—one long overdue....

EVANGELINE S. McALLISTER  
Bayard, Neb.

I enjoyed reading your magazine and wish we had more of your kind of magazine for the U.S. people, who are so badly informed. Keep up the good work; we need honest information in this critical time.

Mrs. ANNA CHENNAULT  
(Mrs. Claire L. Chennault)  
1000 Cole Ave., Monroe, Louisiana

We consider the articles in your April 1955 issue... dealing with the United Nations and the subject "Peace in Our Time?" to be especially valuable.

The writer was about to inquire if it would not be worthwhile for you to prepare such articles, and you have anticipated this requirement.

We congratulate you on this work.  
GEORGE B. FOWLER, Treasurer  
Valley Paper Company, Holyoke, Mass.

# SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

(Continued from Page 27)

nists. But their dislike is not a bitter thing. It is kindly and nostalgic. Many of the great liberals who used to support the Communist fronts openly but who nowadays call themselves anti-Communists have not really changed their own social, political, and ethical point of view. They are merely disgruntled with the Communists for not bringing about the Socialist Utopia which the Communists promised and in which they still place their naive faith.

Such liberals do not hate the Communists as people who have betrayed America. Rather, they are impatient with the Communists because, in their queer code, the Communists have betrayed Marxism.

This may or may not adequately explain why so many prominent Americans who are heirs of a great tradition of freedom, who look upon themselves as the keepers of the nation's conscience, who seem really to believe that they are dedicated to the cause of human justice in the world, can nonetheless be found consistently following the line and supporting the cause of international communism.

## HOPE TO RENDER FBI INEFFECTIVE

Whatever their motives (whatever the explanation for their motives) the fact remains that the big push is on—to find some means of rendering J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI ineffective as anti-Communists.

The anti-anti-Communists, flushed with recent victories, are out to stop all of the effective investigations of communism which have proven so embarrassing to them.

They are a powerful and persuasive lot.

Fortunately, however, we Americans still have men from both political parties in the Congress and Senate of the United States who can read and understand what they read—men who know that the international Communist conspiracy has already cost the lives of thousands of American soldiers; who know that today innocent American boys are in Chinese Communist prisons; and who know that every American Communist shares the guilt for the indescribable crimes against humanity which the Communists have already committed.

In addition to such men as Senator Jenner, whose stature as an anti-Communist is second to none, we have, for example, Senator John McClellan, who (despite his own differences with Joe McCarthy) took up where McCarthy was forced to leave off and actually

found out who did promote Peress.

We have staunch men in Washington who will not give up the fight against communism, despite all political pressures, as long as they receive encouragement from the American people.

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## AUTHOR NOW KNOWN

May 3, 1955

Gentlemen:

On page 30 of your April edition of *Facts Forum News*, you published a parody of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—"Author Unknown." While it is true that the author is unknown, he does have a name.

The parody was first printed in "A Line O' Type Or Two" which is a column in the *Chicago Daily Tribune*. This was done in their edition of Friday, March 18, 1949.

Since that time, it has been reprinted extensively, reaching its highest circulation in the March 10, 1952, edition of *Time* magazine.

The authorship of the parody was acknowledged by *Time* in their "Letters" column in the edition of March 31, 1952. Along with the acknowledgment was a comment from a Mr. Richard H. Waddell of Los Angeles, California. He wrote: "Your parody on Lincoln's great Gettysburg Address represents bad taste in the extreme! Years ago they were desecrating the Twenty-Third Psalm in the same childish manner, and it wasn't especially young even then."

I quote Mr. Waddell out of respect for your passion for giving both sides of a story.

And of course, the unknown author is

EVAN JONES  
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## CONTEST RULES

### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

Write letters of 150 or less words to your favorite paper about any subject of national interest. If you need more than 150 words to express your views, divide the material into two or more letters. Letters must have been published in newspaper or magazine, and clipping sent for entry. First award, \$25 cash plus 75 six-month subscriptions to FF NEWS for persons specified by winner; second award, \$10 cash plus 50 six-month subscriptions to FF NEWS; third award, 30 six-month subscriptions to FF NEWS, with a token award of 5 records containing 10 Dan Smoot talks, for all other letters which Facts Forum publishes. Decisions of judges will be made four days prior to closing of the Facts Forum Poll each month.

### FIRST HALF OF 1955 CONTEST:

The letters submitted by you for the monthly contest will be held in competition for the half-year contest ending June 30, 1955. A judging committee different from the monthly contest and not used heretofore will be selected for this contest. First award, \$300; second, \$200; third, \$100.

### SLOGAN:

An award of \$32 will be given for the best slogan adopted for use the following month. Closing date is four days prior to the closing of the Facts Forum Poll each month. Each person is invited to keep one slogan only in this competition. Entries may be changed at any time.

### POLL QUESTIONS:

Do you have questions regarding subjects of national interest which you feel would be suitable for use in our monthly Poll? Facts Forum offers a prize of \$10.00 for each question selected by our judges for such use. Questions for the contest must not contain more than 72 characters, including spaces, so as not to exceed one line on the Poll Card. **EACH PERSON MAY ENTER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS IN THE CONTEST.** Questions will be judged for their current interest, fairness and conciseness. Keep questions "unloaded." Questions must be worded so that they can be answered Yes or No.

### SUBJECT FOR PROGRAM:

Send questions to be answered on the **ANSWERS FOR AMERICANS** program to Facts Forum, Dallas, Texas. Those who send questions which become the subject of a broadcast will receive a \$100 bond.

### QUESTIONS FOR REPORTERS' ROUNDUP:

Send questions for this program to **REPORTERS' ROUNDUP**, Mutual Broadcasting System, Washington, D. C. The best three questions submitted will receive Cyma dual-purpose clocks.

### PROVOCATIVE PROSE:

Send quotations worth reading and remembering. Be sure to list authors and sources. Persons sending in excerpts printed in FF NEWS will receive one-year subscriptions to FF NEWS. If winners are already subscribers, they may in turn designate someone whom they want to receive the award subscription. In case of duplication of entries, the one with the earliest postmark will

### 1st Award GIVE-AWAY PROGRAM INCLUDES OUR SONS

#### To Free Men Speak:

For two years, I have been fighting for the release of all our men still held by the Chinese Reds. My only boy is one of the missing and presumed dead (with no proof whatsoever)... The Reds hold an untold number of our boys in slave camps. We did not raise our sons to be sold down the river for a cheap, miserable peace. Our government shows cowardice in being soft to the Reds... Our sons were abandoned and "written off," sold, sealed and delivered as part of appeasement—a part of our "give-away" program... Our sons were loyal to their country. Has our country been loyal to them?

Mrs. Rita Van Wees  
851 Hunts Point Ave.,  
Bronx 59, N. Y.

### 2nd Award HIGHLY COMMENDS JUDGE THOMASON

#### To the El Paso Times:

The motion for a new trial for Jencks challenged our Constitution.

Our courts treated Matusow with an amazing impartiality. Witnessing the disrespect he held for society and the pleasure it gave him, was disgusting. As the web closed around him, its effects could be noticed in his evil expression. He became less cocky as his eyes sank back in his head.

Why does a self-respecting lawyer defend a self-admitted recidivist like Matusow?

Judge Thomason will go down in history for overruling the Jencks motion for a new trial; for holding Matusow in contempt, and for barring lawyers from his court who invoke the Fifth Amendment. El Paso is proud of Judge Thomason.

Our country should profit from his rulings. Let's make it impossible for Commies to find defense counsel who try to make a mockery of our courts.

Judge Thomason, we take our hats off to you.

Brent Wells  
P. O. Box 1527, El Paso, Texas

### 3rd Award NEGATIVE TRAINING IS CONDEMNED

#### To the New Bedford Standard-Times:

In all America, can no Moses be found who will lead us out of the wilderness and stagnant pools of negative thinking, back to the white light of posi-

## Award Winners



## LETTERS to the EDITORS

tive thinking and action, on which this nation was founded and grew great?

We are being led to the high mountain of temptation by native Marxists, bribing us with a pyramiding stock market, to forget our sacred honor, our flag, our posterity and our duty to help free the Christian world, while we clutch to our bosoms our possessions and so-called security.

We sink deeper and deeper into the outstretched arms of the devil, lulled by the monotonous refrain:

Be careful, do nothing but turn the other cheek, lest you disturb the slumbers of the golden calf, resting on the mythical bed of "coexistence."

Grace Bacon

37 Walnut Place, Newtonville, Mass.

### 4th Award PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS

#### To the Washington Post:

William Hamilton's letter on the Committee of Endorsers' 11-point Foreign Relations Program should have discussed its three basic principles:

1. The independent sovereignty of the United States;
2. A peaceful community of free sovereign nations, based on law and equity;
3. The Communist dictatorship which, as obstacle, must be neutralized and ultimately exterminated.

Our critic thinks George Washington outmoded, quite forgetting his policies—and the Monroe Doctrine inapplicable, despite the subtle techniques of advancing the Communist system in this hemisphere. We leave his comments on non-recognition of Russia and on open covenants to the niceties of his diplomatic sophistry. His UN statements are devastatingly destroyed in Senator Knowland's Washington Birthday speech.

Our critic dismisses cavalierly the Program's four points on the Communist conspiracy, which is significant enough.

Alvin M. Bentley  
Member of Congress for Michigan  
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Washington 25, D. C.

### 5th Award COMING OF SOVIET FARM 'STUDENTS' RECALLS LENIN'S WORD ON U.S. DOOM

#### To the New York World

#### Telegram and Sun:

Now that we are inviting the farmer "students," etc., from Russia into o-

country. it might be well if we didn't forget the following words spoken by Lenin in 1922:

"First we will take eastern Europe, then the masses of Asia. then we will encircle the United States, which will be the last bastion of capitalism. We will not have to attack: it will fall like over-ripe fruit in our hands. We must secure the good will of teachers and professors in schools and universities. of liberal ministers of religion. and of the pacifists and reformers of the world in order to create a mental barrage in the minds of capitalistic youth. which shall forever bar them from participating in a carnal conflict with the Communist party."

*Kathryn Ellis Nowak*  
15 St. Paul's Road So.  
Hempstead, N. Y.

#### 6th Award EDUCATION GOING DOWN HILL

To the *Chemical & Engineering News*:  
The shortage of scientists today may be attributed to a variety of causes. One significant basic cause is the trend for over 25 years for the educational system to forsake fundamentally essential subjects by displacing them with "life adjustment" theories.

Participation in science courses in the nation's secondary schools sagged from 84 to 50%, mathematics from 86 to 55%, algebra from 56 to 27%, geometry from 27 to 13%, languages from 73 to 22%.

I have seen the present deplorable condition develop in our schools over the past 30 years. The three R's have been forsaken in schools for various frills and furbelows.

The American Chemical Society along with other professional organizations might do well to take heed of such a trend, and lend its effort to constructive improvement. Our future national welfare may well hinge on how well we are prepared scientifically to meet future world problems.

*J. S. Hicks*  
P. O. Box 515. Huntsville. Texas

#### 7th Award (Tie) WHAT CRIME AT YALTA?

To the *Omaha World Herald*:

What a field day you had over the Yalta papers! As any one would expect up to this writing neither you nor any of your friends have told what was so terrible about the papers now that they are public property. Where is the crime and what was it?

Would Stalin have given up Poland. stayed out of China. or the Kurile Islands if Roosevelt and Churchill had asked him to do so?

Most of your trouble lies in the fact that Roosevelt whipped you and your medieval ideas four straight times.

*Eric G. De Flon, M.D.*  
242 Pine, Chadron, Neb.

#### 8th Award (Tie) YALTA PAPERS

To the *Los Angeles Times*:

The decision to make the Yalta papers public was correct. The public is entitled to know the facts concerning the conduct of the nation's foreign affairs and the Eisenhower administration.

What happened at Yalta was directly responsible for the Far Eastern crisis today. Concessions were given to the Russians which paved the way for the Communists to take over China.

The Korean war. the war in Indochina and the crisis in Formosa resulted directly from the fall of China.

It is vitally important that the American people remember and understand the tragedy of Yalta and the results of our previous conferences with the Communists. These records must be thoroughly examined and publicized so that we do not make the same mistakes in the future.

*Patrick J. Hillings*  
Member of Congress. 25th District  
California  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

#### 8th Award AMERICAN TOOLS OF COMMUNISM

To the *Berkshire Evening Eagle*:  
(Pittsfield, Mass.)

If there lives a more debased human being than a Communist. it must be the American tool who wilfully and wittingly writes, publishes, and/or promotes the slimy sludge of a known Communist. Most knowledgeable people agree that we are actively engaged in a phase of World War III. Deliberate. active assistance to the Communist cause is not only unpatriotic, it is suicide.

Parents can be rightly concerned when our youngsters of reading age are exposed to irresponsible huckstering of overt attacks on religion, morals. and government. "Progressive" education may be the principal cause of juvenile delinquency, but vying for first place is a cynical, unmoral, un-American, "liberal" press.

*Edgar L. Hollis*  
46 Marcella Avenue  
Pittsfield, Mass.

#### 9th Award LOYAL AMERICANS SHOULD BE AROUSED TO TIDE OF SOCIALISM AND STATISM

To the *Indianapolis Star*:

Every government-sponsored Utopian measure involves a proportionate loss of liberty. Many people apparently don't realize that he who receives must also give. And that one day the toll will exceed the benefit.

Every government gift has a string attached . . . to your wallet. Next it taxes

you . . . respect. Not much at a time perhaps, but as it becomes increasingly easy it takes increasing amounts.

Let's not be so naive that we believe we can lose a little liberty without suffering a tremendous loss. A little always means a little more. And a little more soon becomes a lot.

What happens next? What happens when the people awaken some fine morning only to discover that they have nothing more to give? You guessed it! Statism, socialism, communism, whatever you wish to call it, has arrived—its arrival being preceded of course by only one other event—its invitation.

*Leroy M. Pelkin*  
946 N. Meridian  
Indianapolis, Ind.

#### 10th Award IN HOT RODS

To the *Los Angeles Times*:

An objective comparison of the past 40 years with Gibbon's "Decline and Fall" discloses a deadly parallel in the courses of the United States and Rome down the road to ruin.

The only difference is one of time; it took Rome several centuries, whereas we bid fair to make it in less than one. But then they had to do it in chariots, while we're doing it in hot rods.

*Hunter Lovelace*  
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Hollywood 38, Calif.

#### 11th Award AGAINST FEDERAL AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To the *Dallas Times Herald*:

Federal aid to education removes from the community, the basic unit of American life, the right to meet their own problems in their own way. Federal encroachment upon local rights destroys the fundamental principles of American democracy.

The federal Constitution does not delegate power for the federal government to control or aid education, but provides that powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the people, or to the states, which implies to individual communities.

There are those who seek to destroy not only the Constitution but every vestige of human rights in America. Both Republican and Democratic parties are guilty of this charge. Both parties, as liberal social planning or communistic thinking exponents, embrace total federal aid to education. Russia and China have "federal" aid to education. Do you want it in America? Federal aid to education is a giant wedge to destroy human rights in America.

*Charles L. Hatcher, D.D.S.*  
3618 Fairmount, Dallas, Texas



## 12th Award WANTS TO MAKE IT VOLUNTARY PLAN

To the *Shreveport Times*:

Should Social Security be voluntary?  
Yes!

In private insurance, the terminal reserve of a company is the trust fund from which all benefits to policy-holders are paid. If company officials allow even one penny of that fund to be used for other purposes, they are declared insolvent, are put out of business and the executives will be subject to heavy penalties by law.

Our government has spent the millions of dollars collected for Social Security. Therefore, Social Security is not backed by terminal reserve, but by I.O.U.'s. Compulsory "Social Security" is unconstitutional, deprives me of choosing my own insurance company, and of spending my earnings as I see fit.

Many people have had to drop insurance paid on for years, which covered more, just because of compulsory "Social un-Security."

Mrs. L. M. Brook

Rt. 1, Box 80, De Ridder, La.

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## 13th Award A CIVIL DEFENSE IDEA

To the *Weekly Star Farmer*:

What can we as civilians do about civil defense? Why not, in addition to a strong military reserve of younger men, organize a true home guard composed of the millions of sportsmen, farmers, ex-soldiers over draft and reserve age, and all such loyal Americans who have their own guns and are skilled in their use? Why not organize (with the succession of authority clearly understood) the men of the small towns and rural areas, particularly, who are least likely to suffer from air attacks?

Why leave all the real burden of defense to the young; they have no corner on courage. We have in these older men a vast reservoir of manpower, weapons, courage and ability that should be utilized to carry on in the extreme emergency that might overtake us at any tomorrow.

Leona Miller Cranston

Rural Route 2, Atlanta, Kansas

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## 14th Award CITES OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYEES

To the *Dallas Times Herald*:

A man employed to work for another man automatically assumes two important moral obligations. An employee should willingly give his employer complete loyalty and an honest day's work.

We all know individuals who have the attitude of getting the most for the least. Such an attitude slowly, but surely destroys the moral fiber of its possessor. The idea of getting something for nothing is as corrosive as cancer.

Conversely, the person who gives his employer the best he has, not only contributes to his employer's success, but paves the way for his own success. An incontestable law of life is those who give the most get the most. Nothing gives a man greater satisfaction than the knowledge he has been of value to someone else.

Ed Reed

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Additional award winners for June will be published in the next issue.

## SOVIET SANDIA?

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bombs, while we continued at the one per cent rate? Would they not then have the four to one advantage?

Noting briefly two general points:

(1) that no amount of concentration compensates for a single radical qualitative failure (i.e., you have to introduce zero only once into any group of factors to make the product zero), and (2) that even four per cent in Russia cuts far closer to the bone than one per cent in the U.S. (you may trade butter for guns, but not the last bowl of gruel if you are going to have strength enough left to fire the thing), the gravamen of our rejoinder seems to be that the Russians quite evidently are putting great effort into non-atomic military forces. Indeed the commonly accepted and officially encouraged picture is one of hundreds of divisions of ground forces and myriads of MIG's. Those things use up industrial capacity.

The editors of *Business Week*, whose reports on atomic energy have quasi-official authority, stated in their issue for July 28, 1951: "AEC dollars may not bulk large in a \$60-billion defense program, but they are spent in very sensitive areas: When its new plants are built, AEC will be the nation's largest single consumer of electricity; plutonium plants compete directly for rare materials with the critical jet-engine program; U-235 plants use the same sort of equipment as refineries and chemical works."<sup>35</sup>

At this point I'm just about ready to pack up and go home, unless you've got some new evidence. If the composition of the atomic materials data sheet is such that the United States can feel the pinch after putting one per cent into this business, then I don't think the Russian Commies are going to make the grade.

"The Soviet Union," says *Fortune*, "has the worst housing in Europe, the shoddiest clothes, the thinnest diet... It also has more jet aircraft than all the NATO nations put together."<sup>36</sup>

Then where are they going to get those directly competitive rare materials for plutonium plants?

There is one other bite out of the

Russian economy that is worth considering if we assume an extensive atomic project over there. That is the cost of secrecy. This has been mightily discussed in the conferences of the U.S. atomic energy experts, and there is a copious "literature" on the subject. And, indeed, what we pay for such internal security as we have is not inconsiderable.

But try to imagine, in that line, the drain on the economy of the Soviets required not only to maintain their whole secret police system, and not only to establish and maintain beyond the Urals all kinds of gigantic industrial installations located for strategic rather than economic reasons—but also to do all this in such thorough secrecy that the President of the United States longest in office during the critical period is not convinced the Russians have a workable bomb!

Put syllogistically, it's like this:

(1) Secrecy is a handicap to progress.

(2) Russia has more secrecy than America has.

(3) Russia is more severely handicapped than America is. With the other handicaps, that may well finish them off as competitors in "Achievement."

Dr. Harold Urey once said U.S. progress involved firing most of our security officers.<sup>37</sup> In Russia the whole project was under the then No. 1 security officer of the world, Lavrenti Beria.<sup>38</sup>

Beria's fall and the detonation of an H-bomb were announced with characteristic incongruity in the summer of 1953. The H-bomb development may end a rumor that Beria's fall was due to failure at Atomsk. On the other hand, perhaps he was purged because he made an H-bomb. Several of our own experts have deplored our production of tritium at the expense of plutonium. If Beria diverted scarce materials from A-bomb resources so as to show off before his imperialist friends with H-bomb fireworks, then of course he was open to the charge, among others, of "adventurism."

But speculation on the internal intrigues of the comrades is foreign to a sober estimate of productive capacity. I propose the following as a reasonable working hypothesis: *The United States atomic energy project is today—in the year 195[5]—overwhelmingly superior in practical productivity to any other atomic energy project known or plausibly conjectured to exist.*

<sup>35</sup> *The Atom*, 1951, p. 8.

<sup>36</sup> *Fortune*, Feb. 1953, p. 120.

<sup>37</sup> Reported in an editorial in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, Dec. 1949, p. 326.

<sup>38</sup> The authority for this is, I must confess, in the realm of "common knowledge." I first learned of Beria's reported responsibility in the column of Joseph and Stewart Alsop.

## FACTS FORUM POLL QUESTIONS

- ☐ Should we let the Communists take Quemoy and Matsu?  
☐ Is progressive education a tool of communism?  
☐ Should the U.S. use sterner measures to liberate our boys from China?  
☐ Is U.S. policy of generous gifts abroad winning many friends?  
☐ Does UN membership limit our constitutional rights?  
☐ Has the U.S. ever gained anything from conferences with Red Russia?  
☐ Does poverty aid in the spread of communism?  
☐ Is it possible to promote world government and be loyal to U.S.?  
☐ Do we need Bricker Amendment to protect Constitution from UN treaties?  
☐ Should surplus wheat be given to Russia to alleviate food shortages?  
☐ Is NATO indispensable to the security of the U.S.?  
☐ Should labor be granted an annual wage?

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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*See Page 42 for Results of May Poll*

## POLL QUESTION WINNERS

FOR JUNE, 1955

An award of \$10.00 each has been made to the following persons who submitted questions used in this month's poll:

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## THIS MONTH'S SLOGAN

**"HONOR our FLAG and FREEDOM,  
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*Submitted by*

Miss Elizabeth Hamm

535 South Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 5, California

*What they're saying . . .*



**about FACTS FORUM**

I think your Letters to the Editor section is a most worthy and fine way to present a cross section viewpoint of what is disturbing good Americans today. These letters are always most interesting and thought-provoking.

THOMAS J. CASHMAN  
619 Park Ave., Portsmouth, R. I.

The job that you are doing, both in print and over the airways, to disseminate information on vital issues of the day to the generally ill-informed American public, is most commendable. I heartily endorse your efforts and hope that your endeavors continue to be successful.

2ND LT. JAMES D. McDONALD  
The Quartermaster School  
P. O. Box 507, Fort Lee, Virginia

Many people listen to Facts Forum broadcasts, and I wish to take this opportunity to let you know I feel your program is doing our country a great deal of good by enlightening many of our citizens as to the true facts on very important questions.

A. O. MILLER  
P. O. Box 541, Grand Coulee, Wash.

...Facts Forum is an undertaking of tremendous importance. You face the challenge of destructive influences which thrive on ignorance, misinformation, and socialistic confusion. Need for such service is pertinent to the times....

DAN F. GRAY, M.D.  
102 1/2 W. Oklahoma, Guthrie, Okla.

...Want to thank you...for your kindness in sending us the two films...which were run last week.... We had a very good group and a discussion period afterward. The film on modern education was particularly interesting, as we had several teachers there and they all stated their views, in an effort to help each other.

J. LEROY SLOAT  
1421 Monroe Avenue, Wyomissing, Pa.

...I wish more people could get to the meat of the subject as you do....

ROBERT F. VAN DELRIEF  
Southern California Water Co.  
11911 S. Vermont Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

I am watching your [television] program regularly...which is most informative and one that every thinking person of the day should see and have copies of...for further analysis at leisure time...as the present times do demand that we understand the reasons why the political pot is boiling so violently....

N. W. WHITE  
85 Hanna St., E., Windsor, Ont., Canada

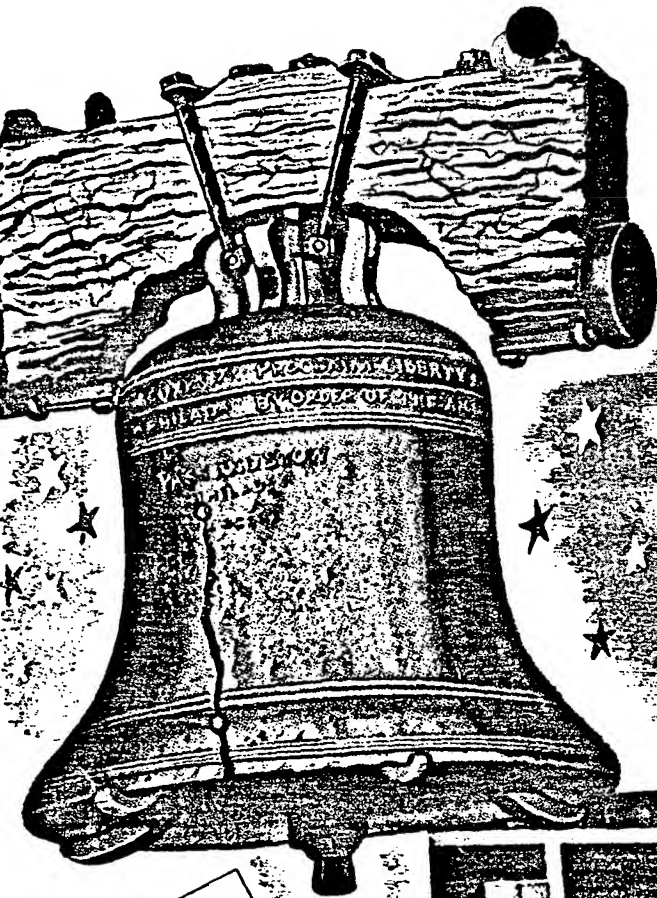
...The work you are doing in informing the public...is something we all have been needing for quite some time...I think [this information] is going to clear up a lot of things and help us to know what we really want.

MRS. WILLARD LONG  
Powder Spring Rd., Marietta, Ga.

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Arlington, Virginia

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of June 23, 1955, with the enclosed publication, has been received.

I wish to thank you for making available your observations. Concerning your request for advice, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency, and we are not empowered to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am unable, therefore, to comment further.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: In June, 1951, the Dallas Office submitted background information concerning Facts Forum which apparently is financed by H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. The Organization was organized during the summer, 1951, and conducts public opinion polls. It is designed to stay away from partisan politics and will deal with studies including governmental science and other vital subjects. Former SA Howard D. Smoot has been employed to head and operate Facts Forum. It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951, captioned "Facts Forum [REDACTED] that we not cooperate with Facts Forum in any way. (62-94811-4)

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July 11, 1955

Mr. Tolson:

Former officials Stanley Tracy and D. M. Ladd dropped by my office July 8, 1955, and in my absence spoke to DeLoach. They wanted to pass on the information that the millionaire oil man, H. L. Hunt, from Texas, is withdrawing his support of Facts Forum, both a publication and television and radio program which has been going on now for some time. Mr. Tracy stated that Mr. Hunt was despondent over the recent death of his wife and that there was considerable dissension among the office staff of Facts Forum. Former Special Agent Daniel Smoot is planning to leave the Facts Forum set up as of August 1, 1955. Tracy did not know where Smoot would be employed in the future.

Both Ladd and Tracy have intentions of approaching Hunt, if conditions permit, regarding the possibility of obtaining his support of their library of information here in Washington. Tracy indicated that they had not definitely decided to do this yet but just wanted to let the Director know of their intentions.

Mr. Ladd referred to anti-Communist activities in the State of Florida

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Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

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MR. NICHOLS:

RE: "FACTS FORUM"

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[REDACTED] They are considerably agitated over the breaking up of "Facts Forum." Mr. H. L. Hunt, reportedly believing that his wife would outlive him, placed most of his investments in his wife's name. As you know, she recently died. Hunt is now having great difficulty in financing many of his projects in view of the legal entanglements in which he finds his wife's estate. He is also completely dissatisfied with the personnel of "Facts Forum."

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Respectfully,

C. D. DeLoach

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MRS. ZELL SKILLERN HOWELL  
EDITOR

FACTS FORUM NEWS  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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IN REPLY YOUR WIRE THIS DATE, YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO  
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SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: It is felt telegram contains mistake and that name is actually Facts Forum News. Dallas telephone directory contains no record of Facts "Form;" however, it does contain Facts "Forum."

In June, 1951, the Dallas Office submitted background information re Facts Forum which was apparently financed by oil millionaire H. L. Hunt. Former SA Howard W. Smoot was associated with Facts Forum

It was recommended in a memorandum dated July 14, 1951, captioned "Facts Forum" that we

not cooperate with that organization in any way. (62-94811-4) It is deemed advisable, however, to give Facts Forum News permission to reprint the Director's speech at the IACP meeting.

\* Although telegram bears only the name of Zell Skillern, several pieces of correspondence from Facts Forum indicate a Mrs. Zell Skillern Howell to be the coordinator of Facts Forum. Some of these letters were signed by this individual as Mrs. Zell Howell. It is deemed advisable to use full name Dallas telephone directory also contains Mrs. Zell Howell but no Zell Skillern.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: July 2, 1956

TO : Mr. Nichols *my*FROM : M. A. Jones *MA Jones*

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF "FACTS FORUM NEWS"

*my*

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Gandy	_____

It is time to renew "Facts Forum News."

I do not feel it is justified, however, due to the limited amount of information in this publication of value to the FBI.

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

That no renewal be made at this time.

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July 7, 1956

FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our Guidance and History teacher has started to receive gratis a magazine called "FACTS FORUM". It is printed at Dallas, Texas. The magazine tends to belittle the American way of life and seems to play too favorable on the Communism way of life. I would appreciate knowing whether this magazine is on your list of Communist magazines.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 7, 1956, has been received. While I would like to be of service in connection with your inquiry, data in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. Furthermore, this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency, and it is not within the scope of our authority to draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Please do not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Facts Forum is an organization founded in Dallas in the summer of 1951, by H. L. Hunt, millionaire oil man. It was designed to act in a non-partisan capacity to continue studies regarding public opinion polls, governmental science and other topics. It was formerly under the direction of former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot

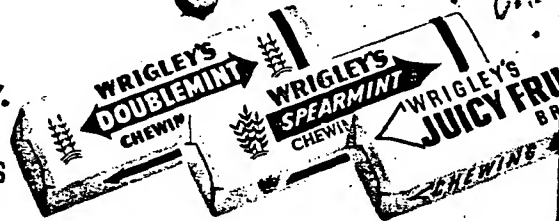
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Miss Gandy

September 24, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Facts Forum*

As one of your former agents, I am very much interested in you and the work of the Bureau. It, therefore, gave me some concern to see an organization smear you in an effort to sell a subscription of Facts Forum News.

Attached is the letter and other literature that I received. Possibly you may have already seen this letter but I wanted to make sure. I don't know how my name got on this mailing list.

I just want you to know that I still treasure the memories of my work in the Bureau and I feel that such a background has helped me tremendously with my present company.

Sincerely,

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*Facts Forum News* has arrived and . . . I find it a valuable source for information on current, controversial topics because of the comprehensive analysis of different points of view which are given. . . .

DEAN LONG  
Acting President  
Evansville College  
Evansville, Indiana

. . . I know of no finer manner to enlighten the people than is contained in every article of your magazine, facts and thoughts most vital in their political lives and general well-being. . . .

LAWRENCE WALLACE LATSHAW  
Kansas City, Missouri

I have read raves in *Facts Forum News* about various issues being the best. . . . I give up. All I can say is that they're all "best"! I have a file of them that goes back to 1952.

Mrs. C. D. McNARY  
2312 Clermont Street  
Denver 7, Colorado

As a subscriber to your fine magazine, I believe that you are presenting the most important national and international problems in a most interesting and informative manner. If only more people could read your magazine, they would soon be awakened to the serious threat that Communists, both in the Kremlin and in the United States, pose to the security of our country. . . .

ROBERT F. HART  
Associate Editor  
The Sentinel  
Lowell, Massachusetts

If a majority of our national publications and daily newspapers would strive as consistently as *Facts Forum [News]* does to popularize the return to constitutional government, what a public awakening there would be in a few short years.

L. L. HENDERSON  
Route 2  
Corning, Iowa

*Facts Forum [News]* is a great magazine and should be proud to be controversial.

RICHARD L. NORTON  
1/Lt. USAF



What they're saying . . .



## about FACTS FORUM

I would not want to miss even one issue of the magazine that I consider one of the most important sources for getting the "FACTS," . . . not just biased and slanted opinions.

EDWARD R. GAFFNEY  
1419 Conly Street  
Philadelphia 49, Pennsylvania

I should like to compliment you on your comprehensive news coverage presented in a very unbiased manner. You are doing much to open the eyes of many [citizens].

RICHARD TEAFORD  
Southwestern College  
Memphis, Tennessee

The March number of *Facts Forum News* is a "WOW." All this timely information being withheld for so long from the people will have a devastating effect on many of our news editors. People will ask: Why haven't we heard this before from our supposedly free press?

ELEANOR G. PRICE  
Route 2  
Dover, New Hampshire

*Facts Forum News* is the very best kind of reading for Americans who wish to know facts and inform themselves on current issues facing the nation. It is second to none. . . .

C. A. NOLAN  
R. R. No. 2  
Seymour, Indiana

Please allow me to compliment you on the articles by George Brada exposing the left-wing movement which pretends to be anti-Red: The Crusade for Freedom.

LT. GENERAL P. A. DEL VALLE  
Troy Hill, Box 240  
Elkridge 27, Maryland

I . . . believe *Facts Forum News* to be one of the most helpful and provocative pieces of news that has come to my desk. I am sure that it will be most helpful to us in our educational program. . . .

ROBERT L. WILLET  
President, Ricker College  
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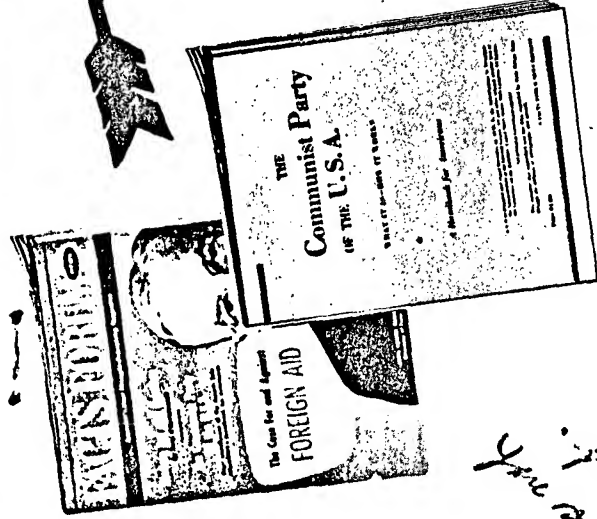
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How many men do you think it would take to drop a tiny vial of deadly poison even one man could do by placing a time bomb within a suitcase left in the locker of a great railway terminal ... in the baggage compartment of a crack train ... aboard a giant airliner?

Even more dangerous because they work in more subtle and disarming ways, are the suave "gentlemen" who have wormed their way into places of confidence and responsibility in government and the diplomatic corps. Infinitely more deadly ... from the ambush of the lecture platform, classroom or pulpit!

Communism is a real threat as long as we do not understand it ... until we realize the fanatical zeal of men who have pledged allegiance to the Hammer and Sickle while taking refuge under the Stars and Stripes.

Congressman Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, recently said:

"...numbers mean nothing...It's a case of where people are placed, the opportunities they have to influence thinking...Actually, until I found myself a member of this committee, I hadn't the faintest idea that this conspiracy had spread as far as it had."

If members of Congress haven't had the opportunity to become fully aware of the dangers of Communism, where then can you and I ... Americans in all walks of life ... learn the truth so that we may effectively resist them?

A few months ago, Facts Forum News received a report covering years of investigation by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. They call it:

"A Handbook for Americans - The Communist Party of the USA - What It Is, How It Works."

But very likely you haven't seen a copy. It was distributed...

numbers ... and pressure is being exerted to keep it from further printings.

We've taken this report ... just as it was revealed and recorded by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee ... and set it in modern easy-to-read style. We've enlivened it with pictures of witnesses who brought these facts to light and top Communists who would like to remain in the dark.

Packed into 64 magazine-sized pages, this is a document which should be read by every individual from high school age on up. It is a source of vital facts that belongs in every American home

... a reference you can have in your home without cost simply by ordering a one-year subscription to Facts Forum News on our money-back guarantee.

We have a dual purpose in making this offer. First, we know that if you and enough other thinking persons read this book, America will have little to fear from Communism. Its evils and degradation of peoples will be evident, its insidious purposes and methods revealed to all.

Armed with this information, you will be in a better position to assist your government, your nation. You'll be able to recognize and keep in check both outright Communists and their equally dangerous Fellow Travelers.

We also want you to have the opportunity to examine the magazine that many persons have told us should be in every home in America. Just as the "Communist Party Handbook" exposes Communism, Facts Forum News will acquaint you with the dangers that threaten the American Way of life in every form.

We believe you are the kind of person who can particularly appreciate Facts Forum's unique policy of presenting both sides of the controversial questions and will then be able to more effectively support the Freedom side. We are confident that, once you have examined this important news source, you will want to have it regularly and will tell your friends about it.

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EX-121

October 2, 1956

Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company  
800 Peachtree Street, Northeast  
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 24, 1956, and its enclosures have been received. I appreciate very much your interest in bringing this material to my attention and in giving me the benefit of your views.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a recent article which I thought you would like to have.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure "Communist 'New Look' A Study in Duplicity"

NOTE:

Passage to which he takes exception in attached advertising circular for "Facts Forum News," is not necessarily disrespectful nor does it infer that the FBI is not alert as indicated by the correspondent. The Director is quoted as saying that there are only "20,890" Communists in the U. S. This is consistent with the Director's testimony before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations last February, at which time he gave the figure of 20,289.

- Tolson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:



- ① About one year ago I watched a television program "Facts Forum" on which they offered a \$100 savings bond to the person who would send them a topic for discussion on their program that they would use. I sent them a question regarding American tariff policies. I did not win the savings bond.

Since that time I seem to have been placed on the mailing lists of radical groups of both the left and right wing parties. I have kept a collection of much of the material I have received because it was so controversial and so radical.

ENCLOSURE

I am diametrically opposed to most of the things these parties and splinter groups stand for, and do not want to have my name associated with them. Although I disagree with the principles behind the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, I am aware of the stigma that can be attached to one's name due to casual affiliation or correspondence with any of these groups, especially when applying for government jobs. I have never written to any of these groups, nor attended their meetings. I would like to be advised as to how I can have my name removed from whatever lists or list it is on.

*W. J. [unclear]*



I will list some of the organizations that have sent me literature:

For America Party  
National Society Guardians of our American Heritage  
National Socialist Newsletter  
Contraversationalist  
Right (Newsletter)  
Right Nationalist Crusade  
Christian Nationalist (Newspaper)  
Free Enterprise  
Socialist Labor Party  
Church League of America and the National Laymen's Council  
News and Views  
The Trumpet (Newspaper)  
The Trumpet Report  
Dan Smoot Report  
Free Men Speak (Newspaper)  
Everett R. Taylor  
Nationalist Conservative Party  
Nationalist Newsletter  
The Word (Newspaper)  
The Whitney Company  
The National Committee for T. Coleman Andrews and Thomas H. Werdel

I was even invited to the Republican Convention to be a lobby by ~~the~~ Liberty and Property, Inc. and Right Newsletter.

Enclosed is a letter I received from Sweden which if you read you will see is most disgusting.

I was an American Field Service student and am not an isolationist. My other political views are for the most part Republican and I do not want to be affiliated with any of these groups. Will you please advise me as to what is the best thing to do about this.

Sincerely yours,  
College address:

Home address:

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In his letter to the...  
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not but ponder...  
Righteous God...  
committed to...  
the truth...  
The truth is now...  
the Jews who...  
not rest until...  
religious institu...  
face towards...  
for, they have...  
and will not...  
to reach a long...  
of Israel...  
from the Holy Land.

**THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT A JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION.**



## Does he look to be mad?

You say no, and I say no. — But World-Jewry wants him to be certified.

— This Einar Aberg from Norrviden, Sweden. This is the man who has all his life been expelling Zionist criminals, and to silence him, World-Jewry has been striving and tried more than once to have him declared insane, so that he should be locked in. By the middle of 1954 the Swedish Government was petitioned towards that end, and no stone was left unturned to have the man put under lock.

Under pressure, the Swedish Government, like many others, gave in and to appease the Jews, Einar Aberg was in October 1954 sentenced to two months imprisonment for his activities against the chosen people, for expelling Jewish crimes and for warning the world against them.

Like every true Nationalist, working for the common cause to save the world from the Jewish yoke and Zionist domination, Einar Aberg is a friend of ours and as soon as we heard of what the Jews were aiming against him, we cabled the following on August 26, 1954: —

**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS STOCKHOLM**

THE JEWS HAVE ASSASSINATED COUNT BERNADOTTE TO PREVENT HIM FROM PRESENTING THE UNITED NATIONS HIS REPORT ON PALESTINE PROBLEM AND THE JEWS ARE NOW SEEKING TO SILENCE THROUGH SWEDISH GOVERNMENT EINAR ABERG TO PREVENT HIM EXPOSING THEIR CRIMES TO THE WORLD AND WE HOPE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FALL IN THE TRAP. — Antonius F. Ables

*but the Swedish Government yielded to Jewish pressure and Aberg was sentenced to two months imprisonment.*

## We want Justice and no more. — Palestine Arabs.

Published by A. F. Ables, April 1951  
Printed by the Government Press, Jerusalem

of Churches and Shrines in the city, but not able to put Christ to death again, they found no better way to appease their religious and barbarous fury than to loot the house of God in the most vile and brutal manner, despite the Calvary emblem of Christianity under the feet, cover it with a flag, and blow up Sanctuaries and set them on fire.

"We want to be free in the land of Zion and Jews... this sentiment did not fail to add. We dare not deny that throughout the Jews have so far been allowed complete freedom in Jerusalem and other parts of Palestine, large scale looting, incendiarism, destruction of property, murder, rape and a variety of brutal acts... of their 'Vladimir'... the atrocities of Dar Yassin on the outskirts of Jerusalem which they claim with pride to have committed, these atrocities which the Jews are proud of and consider as 'a brilliant act of war', the massacre of defenceless women and children... can these be forgotten or can the treacherous criminal attack on Al-Bura, 1948, when in the darkness of the night of October 1948, the 1953 the gallant Israeli soldiers swept across the border and went into the village with rifles and their dogs, shooting at night, men, women and children in the morning and blowing up houses over the headless women, pants, which resulted in fifty seven dead, these be forgotten and children, butchered while asleep... of the freedom of action and are they not proof enough of the freedom of action the Jews enjoy in this land and in Jerusalem?

And last but not least there is a new historical tie that links the Jews to Jerusalem. We should not forget and give them all the credit rightly due to them for the murder of Count Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator and his Chief Observer, Colonel Seret, in broad daylight, in the centre of Jerusalem.

Are not all these proofs strong enough for the Jews to have a claim on Jerusalem? And after all this, how can the Jews forget Jerusalem? And after all this, how can Jerusalem forget the Jews?

### CHRISTIANS OF THE WORLD AWAKE...

Should the Jews be allowed control over Jerusalem, this would mean the funeral of Christianity. For the aim of these criminal hordes is to wipe out every trace of Christianity. These are no empty words, the fact is there and they have proved it.

The numerous acts of vandalism, looting and defacement of churches and Sanctuaries which were subjected to the most vile, heinous and hideous manner are no secret. The swarms, methodical and systematic destruction of Christian places of worship leave a feeling of revulsion and disgust in every one who is able to see with his own eyes what the Jews have achieved in the Holy Land.

More are some of the churches and religious institutions which the Jews have marked down for destruction in their invasion of Palestine, and they were up to their world.

**JERUSALEM:** — Scandinavian Persecution Church on Mount Zion, Franciscan Church of the Cenacle on Mount Zion.

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and the Jews themselves - the 6 million Jews who were <sup>only</sup> 1933-1945 were disappeared from the European continent by Roosevelt and his Jew DEAL.

**POOR ST. STEPHEN**  
Stoned to death in Jerusalem. Scophers  
was not spared by the Jews when Heed.  
The picture below shows the master of the Sanhedrin  
at the Dominicans Convent in Jerusalem, with the  
head blown off by an Israeli mortar shell during the  
Jewish aggression in May 1968. The title  
"Poor St. Stephen" is written in the top left corner.

No wonder there are no articles on ANTI-PENOBATH HYSTERIA in the Spring issue, 1946, of the PENOBATH JOURNAL that admits in its title "The Penobath Journal." The article says: "As reported during the war years by Jewish news agencies, the number of Jews killed in Europe totaled several millions more than the Nazis ever knew existed!" In other words, the whole story of the 6,000,000 dead Jews is a pure fiction—like the Red Communists lie of American soldiers who died in Korea.

Let us, however, again — purely for sake of argument — assume that Adolf Hitler killed 6,000,000 Jews in World War II (or even 6 Jews). Whose fault was that? Neville Chamberlain, it must not be forgotten, did not blame Hitler or the Germans or the Nazis for the last war. He is quoted in the FORBES' DIARIES, USA, 1951, as saying to U.S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy that: —  
"AMERICA AND THE WORLD JEWS HAVE FORCED THE WAR."

By "America," Chamberlain meant, of course, the America of Roosevelt and his New Deal which was to Jewish that patriotic Americans called it the JEW DEAL).

Responsible leaders of World Jewry have also admitted that the Jews were responsible for the last war as follows:-

The Jew Emil Ludwig (Cohn) wrote in LES ANNALES, June 1934:-

"Hitler will have no war, but he will be forced to it, not this year, but later on..."

"It was in accordance with the plan outlined in the Protocols of Zion that both revolutions (1905 and 1917) occurred in Russia; that we have had two world wars; that the stock markets of the world collapsed in 1929."

The low Scheism Ach is an exhortation to French troops in the line in LES NOUVELLES LITTÉRAIRES of 10th

"This is our war, and you are fighting it out for all of us. Even if we Jews are not bodily with you in the trenches, we are mentally with you."

Thus on the best possible evidence—that of the Jews themselves and the British Prime Minister at the beginning of the war, Neville Chamberlain, World Jewry and Roosevelt, and not Hitler (according to the Jews he did not want war), were solely responsible for the last war. Thus if any Jews were killed in it, 5 or 6,000,000, the responsibility for their deaths was Roosevelt's and the leaders of World Jewry, and not Hitler's who was only acting in self-defense. Even so, the Jews cannot expect to start a war and not get hurt in it.

However, as we have seen, it is a physical impossibility for 6,000,000 Jews to have been killed in the war. Where then have they disappeared to? Fresh light on their almost medical disappearance is coming in daily.



These are a specimen of the type of people Israel imports to take the place of the true and rightful owners of the Country, chased out by Zionism and Power Politics.

Our object is to spread the TRUTH as we want the TRUTH to be known and we do it without mercy nor fear.

**ANTOINE F. ALBINA**

**Post Office Box 44 JERUSALEM-Jordan**

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# WORLD - T RUTH

## SAVE JERUSALEM

### The Jews Plot to make Jerusalem the Capital of Israel. WHOLESALE DESECRATION OF THE HOLY PLACES.

The Jews have always been plotting to make Jerusalem their Capital... By hook or by crook they seek to reach that end. The transfer of their Ministry of the Exterior from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem was the latest step towards their goal and their terrorist actions on the boundary lines to force the Arabs to flee is proof enough of their aim.

In an address on the first of December 1948, the late Chaim Weizman (first Israeli President) said: "Jerusalem is ours and other rule over the City is inconceivable". Bernard Joseph, alias Dor Joseph, then Military Governor, came to the rescue and added: "No matter what is decided, we shall never give up our claim to the City. We will never allow non-Jews to rule over Jerusalem".

Weizman must have forgotten that he was a Russian Jew with a British passport and Joseph a foreigner too. We in from Central and Eastern Europe should never be allowed to rule over Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem holds a unique place in the heart of every Jew to whom it has a historical significance". Dr. Weizman stated. And we feel bound to agree with him on that point too. It must have reminded him and his co-religionists of the role played by the Jews two thousand years ago. They cannot easily forget the scene of the murder of Christ. Mount Golgotha is still there to remind them of the historical deed of the crucifixion. The Stations of the Cross and the Holy Sepulchre which they have attempted to destroy with hammer and sickle, are still living memories of the various phases of their infamy. Jerusalem is undoubtedly the holiest place of such reverence.

"We cannot forget Jerusalem..." Weizman went further to say. "For in the last year we have asked afresh our covenant with the blood of our sons and daughters". To this, we add, Jerusalem too cannot forget the Jews. For in that year they sealed afresh their covenant with the

The Church and Convent of Maria Reparatrice at New Gate, Hebra Dams de France at New Gate, Italian Hospital building under the Red Cross flag.

HAIFA: The Sisters of St. Anne - St. Charles Neplee - Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches - Italian Hospital.

PIERRE: The Casa Nera Italian and Franciscan Convent. St. Peter's Church, property of the Custody of the Holy Land, House of the Franciscan Sisters.

CAPRI: The Church of the Beatitude and the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Church of the Holy Spirit. The Church of the Holy Spirit.

The Church of "Moses Christ" on the shores of the Lake of Galilee.

TABERNA: The Sanctification Shrine of the Multiplication of the Bread on the Sea of Galilee - The Neplee.

The Church of Maria Dama in Jerusalem after being ransacked by the Greeks. Taken down from the Altars which were covered with carpets, the Israel used the Sanctuary as a sleeping quarters for both sexes.

From the Church and Convent of Maria Reparatrice at New Gate, Jerusalem, there is nothing left standing as the law systematically destroyed that beautiful building and then systematically destroyed that beautiful building to it as a sleeping quarters for both sexes. The building is now a heavenly miracle.

As seen from the Church of the Holy Spirit, the Archbishop of Galilee, Mgr. Georges, in strong terms to the Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs, Herzog, against the wholesale destruction of the Church of the Holy Spirit and the destruction of the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Church of the Holy Spirit, which was pulled down by the Jewish inhabitants of the

They even attack the dead in their sleep, to satisfy their inner bestial tendencies...

Only in April 1954, during the Holy Week and on the eve of Easter, the Christian Cemeteries in Haifa, were invaded by Israeli borders, the Crosses were broken down and trampled under the feet of these marauders, the tombs desecrated, the dead disturbed in their sleep. - The picture below is enough proof and speaks for itself.



This brutal act forced the Christians living under the Israeli yoke to come out into a mass protest demonstration which went through the streets of Haifa, led by Monsignor George Hakim, the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Galilee and other Church dignitaries of all Christian Communities. - See the pictures below.



# Let's get it straight "Those 6 Million Dead Jews" Spotlight on those poor 6,000,000 Dead Jews.

Since 1945, the Gentile world has never been for one moment allowed to forget the 6,000,000 Jews alleged to have been killed by Hitler in World War II. Even memorials have been erected to commemorate these 6,000,000 dead Jews. World Jewry obviously wants maximum publicity for these 6,000,000 Jews, and it is therefore turn yet another spotlight onto this

In 1938 there were 15,688,239 Jews in the world — according to the WORLD ALMANACK for 1937. This figure was given to the WORLD ALMANACK by the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE and the JEWISH STATISTICAL BUREAU of the SYNAGOGUES of AMERICA.

In 1948 there were between 15,600,000 and 18,700,000 Jews in the world — according to an article in the NEW YORK TIMES of 22nd February 1948 by Mr. Hanson W. Baldwin, a recognized and wholly impartial expert on population. Mr. Baldwin can by no conceivable stretch of imagination be termed an "anti-Semite". Moreover his "boos" and owner of the NEW YORK TIMES is a Jew Arthur Sulzberger, noted as a staunch friend of Britain. Taking Mr. Baldwin's maximum estimate of 18,700,000, we get that during the 10 years 1938-1948 (which includes the war years 1939-1945 when Hitler was supposed to have killed the 6,000,000 Jews) the Jewish population in the world actually increased by over 3,000,000, or — if for the purposes of argument we assume that Adolf Hitler really did kill 6,000,000 Jews, by 9,000,000 — that is to say the 3,000,000 increase plus 6,000,000 births to replace the 6,000,000 killed by Hitler.

(Note: It is a well known Jewish figure of 15,000,000 Jews at the Jewish world conference in 1948. It does not necessarily affect the argument of this article.)

As there are now only some 18,000,000 Jews in the world, an increase of 9,000,000 Jews in the 10 years 1938-1948 represents a great increase of population (in only 10 years) of 50 per cent. — a very high rate of increase in any country in the world.

Even if every single able-bodied Jew spent 24 hours

Two-thirds of 18,000,000 (roughly the present Jewish world population) is 12,000,000 (but note that Dr. ROTH said "over two-thirds"). The official Jewish population of America in 1934 was 4,641,184. Thus, from 1934 to 1937, America's Jewish population rose by some 2,000,000 Jews. Is this where Adolf Hitler's famous 6,000,000 Jews have gone to?

The prominent American Zionist leader W.D. Harrison, Editor of one influential BIBLE NEWS FLASHES, Portland, USA, apparently thinks so for he wrote on 1st April, 1937, "BIBLE NEWS FLASHES" (reprinted in COMMON JEWRY, USA, 1st April, 1937) :-

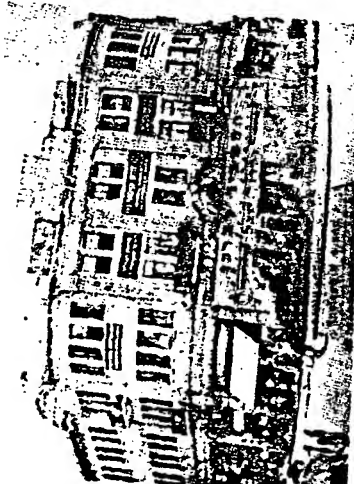
"Where are the 6,000,000 Jews who disappeared from Germany? Senator Pat McCarran says they are more than 5,000,000 aliens in this country who got in 'illegally'. He doesn't say who they are but we know. 'Illegally' people believe that most of them are Jews. 'Illegally' people exercised almost complete 'control' over the New Deal since the day FDR took office. It is easy to see how 6,000,000 Jews could come into this country 'illegally' (and keep publicity and protection). No one looking in 'illegally' (using name for Hitler) even for them. 'Walk down the streets of any American city. There they are!'"

(Pat McCarran, a two-faced fighting Jew-American, made his statement about 600,000 Jews at 1,000,000 Jews into the USA on 20th Aug. '41. He is the official capacity as Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Internal Security — an admirable position.)

To sum up, it is quite clear that 6,000,000 Jews have been killed by Hitler, but if an equal number of all were killed, Roosevelt's leaders of War and Navy were — on the one hand of Chamberlain.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

While the United Nations celebrate the anniversary of HUMAN RIGHTS, the PALESTINE ARABs, at a close distance from their properties, now in enemy hands, watch the Jewish aggressor in possession of their own bones from which they were criminally and treacherously thrown out. They see the usurper in full enjoyment of their own personal effects and belongings, looted and taken away from them by the power of evil, backed by the intrigues and conspiracy of BIG POWERS. — This is the anniversary which by irony of fate, Western Civilization calls the Anniversary of Human Rights, while in all fairness and justice it should be a day of distress and mourning of HUMAN RIGHTS.



SANSOUR BUILDING, one of the most important ARAB owned properties in the Jewish occupied part of Jerusalem. **TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1948** — This is how Israel dispossession of Arab property.

Below is the original copy of the letter to the Arab people that appeared in the Jewish press, advertising the 'Sale of Arab Property by Public Auction, Spoken for Israel.'



FOR THE SALE OF ARAB PROPERTY, announced under the authority of the Jewish People's Administration, Jerusalem, 1948.

Properties sold





Dr. Nahum Goldmann

To quote a French Canadian paper, published in Montreal, in French: "The president of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, at Montreal in 1947, declared: 'The Jews might have had Uganda, Madagascar and other places for the establishment of a Jewish fatherland, but they want absolutely nothing except Palestine; not because of the Biblical or religious significance of Palestine; not because the Dead Sea waters by evaporation can produce five trillion dollars worth of metaloids and powdered metals, not because (following Mr. Dulles) the sub-soil of Palestine contains twenty times more petroleum than all the combined reserves of the two Americas, but because Palestine is the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, because Palestine constitutes the veritable center of world political Power, the strategic military center for world control.' (L'Unité Nationale, 12/53).

From an article, WORLD CRUCIFIXION and THE MASTER RACE, by Elizabeth Dilling in the periodical COMMON SENSE, Union, New Jersey, U.S.A. March 15, 1954.

Editor: Einar Aberg, Norrviken, Sweden

Please let this leaflet go around the world.  
Anyone who wants to reprint this leaflet, may.

This leaflet prosecuted by the Minister of Justice of Sweden - found  
not guilty by the Jury at the magistrates' court of Stockholm,  
Sept. 15, 1948.

## Kol Nidre-All vows

The "Kol Nidre" is a Jewish prayer named from its opening words, "All vows". It is based on the declaration of the Talmud: "He who wishes that his vows and oaths shall have no value, stands up at the beginning of the year and says: 'All vows which I shall make during the year shall be of no value'."

It would be pleasant to be able to declare that this is merely one of the curiosities of the dorkness which covers the Talmud, but the fact is that "Kol Nidre" is not only an ancient curiosity; it is also a modern practice. In the volume of revised "Festival Prayers", published in 1919 by the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York, the prayer appears in its fullness:

"All vows, obligations, oaths or anathemas, pledges of all names, which we have vowed, sworn, devoted, or bound ourselves to, from this day of atonement, until the next day of atonement (whose arrival we hope for in happiness) we repent, beforehand, of them all. They shall all be deemed absolved, forgiven, annulled, void and made of no effect; they shall not be binding, not have any power; the vows shall not be reckoned vows, the obligations shall not be obligatory, nor the oaths considered as oaths."

CAN YOU NOW TRUST A JEW?

In the book Frank and the Frankists (Cracow 1895) the Jewish lawyer Alexander Kraushaar wrote: "We must use fine words and deceitful talk till all has come into our hands."

## Communism is Judaism

THEREFORE:

FOR MY COUNTRY - AGAINST THE JEWS

Editor. Einer Åberg. Norrviken. Sweden

Anti-Judaism is not persecution  
of or hatred for the Jews.

Anti-Judaism is Selfdefence  
of the individual and of the people.



Please let this leaflet go around the world.  
Anyone who wants to reprint this leaflet, may.

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Your letter of November 4, 1956, with enclosures, has been received. While I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write, I wish to advise that this Bureau has no authority over material sent through the mail.

If you prefer not to receive the publications which you mentioned, it is suggested that you correspond directly with the editors of the literature in question and request that your name be removed from their records.

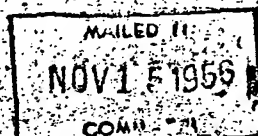
Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SAC, Oklahoma City

Section Head

July 13, 1960

Director, FBI

BYRON, INC. FILM ENTITLED  
"AMERICAN COMMUNISTS IN THE U.N."  
RESEARCH MATTER

Reurlet 6/29/60, and captioned film, which was forwarded under separate cover.

The enclosed film was examined at the Seat of Government and was determined to contain nothing of interest to the Bureau.

It is recommended that the film be returned to [redacted] from whom it was obtained, with the suggestion that he may want to return it to Facts Forum. At last report, Facts Forum was located in Dallas, Texas.

Enclosure

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NOTE ON YELLOW: The above-captioned film was reviewed on July 5, 1960, by Supervisors [redacted] of Central Research; [redacted] of Subversive Control; and [redacted] of the Investigative Division, and was found to contain nothing of interest to the Bureau. It is a 26-minute attack on the United Nations by TV commentator Dan Smoot.

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The film is being retain in the Central Research Section pending approval of letter. EX-105

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**SUBJECT: HAROLDSON L. HUNT**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/9/68

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-23805) (C)

SUBJECT: H. L. HUNT  
MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
IS-CHINA  
OO: Dallas

*INTERNAL SECURITY*

Re Dallas letter to Los Angeles, dated 12/29/67,  
which is enclosed to the Bureau.

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no further investigation is being conducted  
by the Los Angeles Division.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau  
for possible intelligence value.

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DATE: 12/29/67

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-2626) (C)

SUBJECT:

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H. L. HUNT *see 55.*  
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*cc - Dallas*

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The above is being furnished the Los Angeles Office for information purposes in view of the prominence of Mr. HUNT in the event the information is of some merit to the Los Angeles Office.